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# Kreisky resigning after setback at polls

VIENNA (Reuters). — Bruno Kreisky said last night he would resign as Austria's Chancellor following his Socialist Party's failure to win an absolute majority in national elections.

Kreisky announced his resignation after 13 years in office on Austrian television, after computer forecasts showed the Socialists had lost five seats. They would remain the strongest single party — with



Bruno Kreisky

90 seats in the 183-member National Council (parliament) — but without an absolute majority.

The Conservative People's Party gained four seats, bringing its total representation to 81, and the rightist-liberal Freedom Party gained one seat for a total of 12, according to the computer projections. Final results may not be known until tomorrow morning, when postal votes have been counted.

The United Green Party, campaigning in national elections for the first time, failed to win a seat. Its leader, Alexander Tollmann, conceded defeat on television. Four other small parties, including the pro-Moscow Communist Party, also failed to win seats.

People's Party leader Alois Mock, speaking to cheering supporters, hailed the results as a victory. "This is a demand by the voters for political change in this country. What we need now more than anything else is an economic revival," he said.

But Vice-Chancellor Fred Sinowatz stressed that the Socialists remained the "dominating power" in Austria and said it would be impossible to govern without them.

# Begin agrees to meet striking doctors today

By MARGERY GREENFELD  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A delegation of top professors from Sheba Hospital at Tel Hashomer will meet this morning with Prime Minister Menachem Begin to impress upon the premier the "severity of the situation" and to urge him to personally intervene to end the 55-day strike.

This follows a heated argument at yesterday's weekly cabinet session, during which Health Minister Eliezer Shostak sharply attacked Finance Minister Yoram Aridor for "not taking the doctors seriously and thereby sabotaging any possible solution."

Shostak proposed setting up a special ministerial committee to settle the dispute, a step that would effectively remove the matter from the Treasury's control. But Aridor angrily rejected any such step, saying that it would be a "personal insult" reflecting a "loss of confidence" in his ability to handle the situation.

During this acrimonious exchange, a petition seeking a meeting with Begin and signed by the Sheba Hospital professors demonstrating across from his office, was brought

into the room. Begin agreed to meet with the doctors, and at the same time suggested that Aridor and Shostak get together within the next two days to iron out their differences.

Begin proposed that the ministers' discussion should include not only the issue of the doctors' wages, but also a demand made by Interior Minister Yosef Burg that Shostak issue back-to-work orders to ensure the presence of at least one doctor in every Histadrut sick-fund clinic.

Shostak refused this demand, as well as a similar demand yesterday from Histadrut Secretary-General Yehoram Meshel, saying that the doctors had ignored the first set of back-to-work orders he issued and that he was not going to repeat this mistake.

Begin's meeting with the professors, scheduled to begin at 8.30 a.m. in Jerusalem, will be his second direct contact with doctors since the strike started on March 2. The first, an attempt to bring the two sides together after a negotiating session fell apart within four minutes, took place last month.

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# Cabinet sets up directorate for building nuclear reactor

Post Economic Reporter

The cabinet yesterday approved in principle the recommendations of the Horev Committee on the construction of nuclear reactors to generate electricity.

The proposal, presented by Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i, was opposed only by Finance Minister Yoram Aridor, who argued that economically the time is not right to decide upon such massive investment.

The cabinet directed Moda'i to set up a directorate for the project, to be coordinated with the Ministry of Science and Development. Energy Ministry sources said such coordination will only involve the scientific aspects of the project, which will be controlled by the Energy Ministry.

The project directorate will be responsible for building the reactors, maintaining commercial and

technological contacts abroad, training the necessary manpower, recommending suppliers of equipment, and using local resources for the project as much as possible.

The directorate will also decide on the type(s) of reactor to be built, the location and the schedule of construction.

The cabinet did not set up a special budget for the project directorate. It is assumed that the initial funding will be drawn from the Atomic Energy Commission and the Electric Corporation.

Energy Ministry sources judge that there is practically no chance that Israel will receive a nuclear reactor from abroad — as long as the country does not sign the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty. However, contacts are maintained with foreign manufacturers of nuclear reactors, many of whom are eager to sell, despite their own governments' opposition.

The Energy Ministry would prefer to buy a nuclear reactor abroad, since local production involves a tremendous investment. Moda'i, however, feels that preparations should still be made for local production, to meet the country's projected energy needs by the end of the century.

THE NEW YORK TIMES Week in Review section was delayed in transit yesterday and was not available for issue with today's Jerusalem Post.



Striking doctors pause for refreshment yesterday during their vigil outside the Prime Minister's Office in Jerusalem. (Story — Page 2) (Rahamim Israeli)

# Jews can stay in West Bank under Reagan plan—Shultz

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Secretary of State George Shultz said in an interview yesterday that Jewish settlers would be able to remain in the West Bank under the terms of President Ronald Reagan's peace plan.

But, he said, in an interview with The Washington Post "they would have to live under the jurisdiction of whoever finally controls the area."

Shultz said that the Reagan plan was "perfectly consistent" with Israelis living in the West Bank.

There was no call in the plan to demolish the settlements.

He continued: "I know the Israelis feel strongly that there was a time, before they were the occupying force, when the Jews were not welcome to live in the West Bank, and so the settlements make a point."

"In the president's plan it is very explicit that if the settlers want to stay they stay, but they would have to live under the jurisdiction of that territory — whatever it will be."

# Sharon demands reprisal for PLO attacks

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Former defence minister Ariel Sharon yesterday sharply attacked the government's failure to launch reprisals against the PLO in Lebanon for the recent harassment against the IDF forces there.

Sharon said at yesterday's cabinet meeting that steps should have been taken "to teach the terrorist murderers a lesson in Lebanon." While a massive reprisal was not necessarily called for, Sharon said, the harassment could not go unanswered.

Sharon, now minister without portfolio, said that at no previous time had the terrorists been allowed "to get away scot-free" as they are today.

But he stressed several times that

he did not mean any reproach for his successor, Moshe Arens. Nor did he mean to start an argument with Arens, whom he called one of his "close friends."

Arens did not respond to Sharon's remarks.

Sharon also warned his colleagues against offering U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz any concessions with regard to the talks on withdrawal, "or making any gestures to placate President Reagan."

Sharon said: "Shultz is setting us a trap and we must make sure to avoid tumbling in. We shall not reap any possible advantage by letting the Americans feel they have scored points and got us to give way."

# No partial exchange of prisoners

Jerusalem Post Defence Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Defence sources involved with negotiations for the exchange of prisoners of war said yesterday it would be a mistake to discuss a partial exchange of prisoners. They said that suggestions to this effect in the press could only harm the possible release of Israeli prisoners.

Their remarks came in response to a suggestion yesterday by Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky, who told a press conference in Vienna that such a gesture could create trust between the sides and prepare the ground for the future release of all prisoners.

The defence sources also expressed amazement that Kreisky chose to violate a previously agreed policy of discretion regarding the prisoner talks. The sources reiterated, however, Israel's appreciation of Austria's good efforts on behalf of the prisoners.

# Urgent motion today on Upper Nablus

By ASHER WALLFISH  
Post Knesset Correspondent

Alleged government mendacity towards the Knesset over the new settlement overlooking Nablus will be the high point of Alignment charges at a special parliamentary session this morning.

Labour MK Ya'acov Tsur, who will present an urgent motion for the agenda about the establishment of Upper Nablus, tried to get the same urgent debate before the Pessah recess, but was stumped when

the government denied any intention of setting up the settlement. As a result Tsur's request was turned down and then the government went ahead with its plans, undisturbed by parliamentary protest, the Alignment claims.

Defence Minister Moshe Arens will reply to Tsur.

Also at the special session, Labour's Gad Ya'acobi will present an urgent motion about the economic situation. Finance Minister Yoram Aridor will reply.

The Knesset sits at 11 a.m.

# Schools to open later today after wage talks are cancelled

By LEA LEVAVI  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Classes in the country's schools today are to begin at 10 a.m., it was announced yesterday by the Histadrut Teachers Union and the Secondary School Teachers Association.

The decision to delay the start of studies came in reaction to the cancellation earlier in the day of a negotiating session in the wage dispute between representatives of the two unions and the Ministries of Education and Finance.

The talks were called off when it became clear that Education Minister Zevulun Hammer and Finance Minister Yoram Aridor could not agree on the source of funds to provide for the wage demands.

Hammer is to bring up the issue at the next Cabinet meeting, and negotiations were postponed pending cabinet deliberation.

The joint committee of the two teachers unions meets this morning

to discuss stepping up the sanctions. The 10 a.m. starting time is for today only, but this morning's strategy session may take other decisions. Meanwhile, teachers will continue to refuse to substitute for colleagues who are ill, and to accompany classes on field trips.

Talks between the two ministers yesterday broke down over the question of rises for specific groups of teachers, such as those working in development towns or disadvantaged neighbourhoods.

Agreement between the Education and Finance Ministries on this issue, however, would still not settle the dispute. The teachers are demanding full implementation of the Ezioni Committee recommendations, which provide for rises for all teachers (plus special incentives for specific groups), reducing the size of classes, improving working conditions in the schools and other improvements for which the Finance Ministry is not prepared to earmark funds.

# Secretary may offer security guarantees

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — American officials said yesterday that the U.S. administration would be prepared to guarantee the security of Israel's northern border if Israel would forego its demands regarding the status of South Lebanon militia leader Maj. Sa'ad Haddad and the presence of a small Israeli contingent in South Lebanon.

The officials were speaking as Secretary of State George Shultz prepared to leave on his first diplomatic visit to the Middle East.

They said Israel will be asked to agree to security measures based on special units of the Lebanese Army, which will be trained by the U.S. Army, and to accept a U.S. proposal that a joint military committee, consisting of Israel, Lebanon and the U.S., supervise the implementation of the agreement in South Lebanon.

Shultz was due to leave after midnight last night, for Cairo, the first stop on his trip. He will hold meetings today and tomorrow with all U.S. ambassadors in the Middle East. At the meetings, which will also be attended by U.S. special envoys Philip Habib and Morris Draper, the diplomats will discuss in depth the various means of bringing the Israel-Lebanon negotiations to a successful conclusion and of making progress towards the implementation of President Ronald Reagan's peace plan.

The New York Times reported yesterday that Shultz is depending on his good personal relations with Defence Minister Moshe Arens to gain concessions and gestures from Israel — particularly in view of the U.S. gesture last week in allowing the transfer to Israel of technological information for the Lavi fighter over the opposition of Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger.

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# Israel may yield if Shultz can seal accord

## But won't let Beirut backtrack

By DAVID LANDAU and ASHER WALLFISH  
Jerusalem Post Reporters

Senior Israeli policy-makers would very much like to enable U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz to wrap up an Israel-Lebanon agreement on his forthcoming visit — both to facilitate the IDF's withdrawal from Lebanon, and to improve relations between Jerusalem and the Reagan administration.

There are signs in Jerusalem that the Israeli policy-makers may find some additional flexibility in their negotiating positions if Shultz appears to be close to clinching a deal with Beirut.

But there is also much concern and suspicion in policy-making circles here: concern over the recent hardening of the Lebanese stand, and suspicion of close coordination between the U.S. and Lebanon behind Israel's back.

There is, moreover, a sense of determination that unites the cabinet in not allowing the Lebanese to exploit the secretary of state's visit for tactical advantage in the negotiations. Hardliners and moderates alike warned yesterday that Israel would not be fobbed off with "concessions" from Beirut, offered through Shultz, of points that had already been conceded in the direct negotiations weeks ago.

"We are not prepared to renegotiate these issues," a highly placed source declared yesterday. He was referring to key matters of security and normalization on which Lebanese President Amin Gemayel, in a press briefing on Saturday, appeared to renege on

understandings reached earlier by Israeli, Lebanese and American negotiators at Haide and Kiryat Shmuna/Netanya.

The source hinted that Israel is prepared to let the talks lapse rather than go back over issues that, in the Israeli view, had been settled. The source said this week's four sessions at Haide and Netanya would be critical.

At the weekly cabinet meeting yesterday, Social Affairs Minister Aharon Uzan (Tami) and Minister without Portfolio Mordechai Ben-Porat (Independ.) put forward their longstanding proposal for a unilateral partial IDF pullback to the Awali River.

Uzan spoke of the rising toll of IDF casualties in Lebanon, and Ben-Porat voiced his doubts as to whether Beirut is capable of concluding an agreement or implementing it.

But advocacy of this proposal at this stage was confined to these two junior ministers and to Science and Development Minister Yuval Ne'eman (Tehiya), who urged holding the Awali line "for the next 10 years."

Prime Minister Begin and his top ministers — Arens, Shamir, Burg and Ehrlich — are not prepared to consider the unilateral withdrawal option now, since it implies abandoning the prospect of a negotiated settlement with Lebanon and the withdrawal of all foreign forces from all of that country.

While a Shultz visit to the Middle East had been in the air for some time, the announcement seemed to come as something of a surprise

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# Egypt prepares for U.S. secretary's visit

CAIRO (Reuters). — Egypt will tell U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz when he arrives here today that American credibility in the Middle East is at stake because of its failure to force Israel out of Lebanon, government sources said yesterday.

A Foreign Ministry source, recalling various unfulfilled U.S. deadlines on Israel's withdrawal from Lebanon, commented: "The U.S. persuasive powers over Israel were simply not enough."

Meanwhile, Saudi officials in Riyadh said Arab states are looking

to Shultz for a new initiative to revive the stalled peace process during his Middle East tour.

One Saudi Arabian official remarked privately: "If they cannot move Israel out of Lebanon, how can anyone be certain the whole Reagan initiative is not just hogwash?"

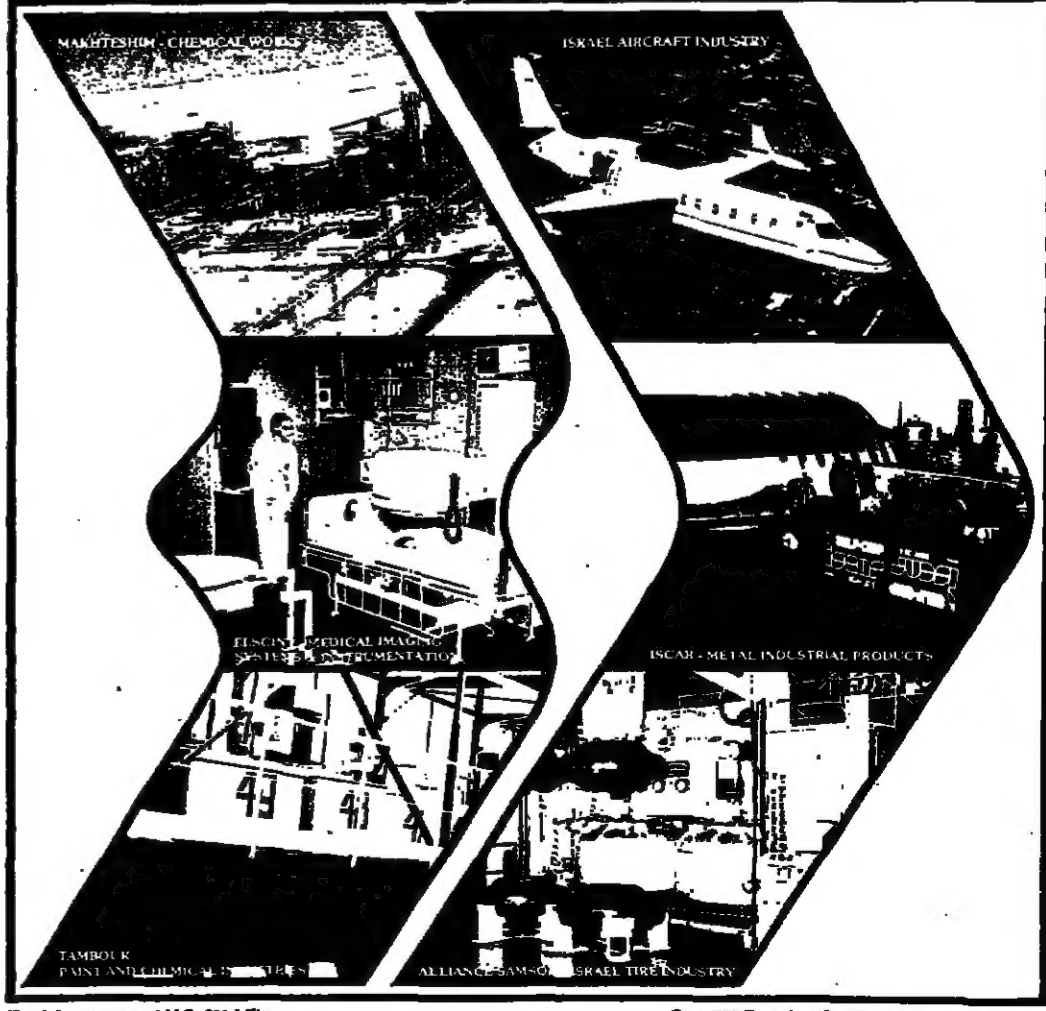
In Damascus, the government daily newspaper Tishrun said yesterday that had it not been for Syria the Reagan plan would already have been in its first stages of execution. Damascus radio said the Shultz trip "may be an American show of force

aimed at putting the final touches to the Israeli aggression plan against Syria."

A Jordanian newspaper said it doubted if Shultz would achieve anything unless he clearly warned Israel it would suffer strict sanctions if it did not abandon an intransigent position on Lebanon and stop settling Jews on the West Bank.

In Lebanon, officials said they hoped the Shultz tour would prove that Washington's commitment to that country had not been affected by last week's bomb attack on the U.S. Embassy.

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The weather report is unavailable today because of a partial strike at the meteorological service.

## SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Knesset Speaker Menachem Begin held a reception at his Jerusalem residence yesterday in honour of Independence Day, which was attended by President-elect Chaim Herzog and eight members of the diplomatic corps.

Lord Marcus Sieff of Brompton yesterday was made a Freeman of Kiryat Gat for his great contribution to the development of the town's economy and educational institutions in the town and throughout the country, in a ceremony also attended by Lady Sieff, Mayor David Magen, Yisrael Pollack, president of Polgat, and the first Freeman of the town, UK Ambassador and Mrs. Patrick Moberly, family members and guests.

American marketing expert Maynard Sered will lecture on "American Mail Marketing Techniques and the Israeli Consumer" on Thursday at 8 p.m. at the ZOA House, 1 Rehov Daniel Frisch, Tel Aviv. Admission free.

## ARRIVALS

Jeanie Z. Gilbert, president, Emsarah Women of Israel, for two weeks.

Frieda Lewis, president, Hadassah Women's Zionist Organization of America, for Hebrew University board of governors meeting and Hadassah matters.

Jewish Agency Executive Chairman Arye Dolev from a 10-day visit to Jewish communities in Latin America.

## 'Yasha' Shapiro dies at 71

Aviation designer Jacob "Yasha" Shapiro died in London on April 13, aged 71.

Born in Poland, Shapiro came to Haifa with his Zionist parents in 1925, where he graduated from the Reali School. He studied engineering in Berlin and Zurich, and worked in Haifa for some time with the Palestine Electric Corporation.

He fled to England from France in 1940, where his work on automatic pilots and gyroscopic instruments was interrupted by the Nazi invasion. In Britain he joined the team of Sir Frank Whittle working to develop a jet engine.

Most of his life as a design and development engineer was devoted to the development of helicopters, for which he won the Breguet Trophy in 1978. He published two standard books on helicopter design.

A fellow of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers and the Royal Aeronautical Society, he devoted the last years of his life to projects on harnessing wind power, security and surveillance electronics, and automated fish-breeding.

He is survived by a sister and his ex-wife.

**NURSERY.** — WIZO's board of directors has named the organization's new day nursery in Afula after Lord Marcus and Lady Sieff.

## Striking MDs picket Begin's office

By MARGERY GREENFELD  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Some 40 senior physicians from Sheba Hospital at Tel Hashomer yesterday staged an all-day protest vigil outside the Prime Minister's Office in Jerusalem.

It was the first of a series of such demonstrations planned to take place "every day until the doctors' strike is settled," a Medical Association spokesman said.

Teams of white-coated demonstrators, brought in each day from different hospitals, will take up positions across the road from Premier Menachem Begin's office to protest the lack of progress in the doctors' wage negotiations with the Treasury.

The "first shift" of today's protesters, mostly professors, department heads and their

deputies, will arrive in Jerusalem at 9 a.m. from Beilinson Hospital in Petah Tikva. They will be replaced at midday by a team who will remain until dusk.

Yesterday's demonstrators, who arrived in taxis laden with wooden benches, tables and chairs from the staff committee room at Tel Hashomer, succeeded in arranging a meeting between Begin and about a dozen senior physicians, scheduled to start at 8.30 a.m. today.

As a strong breeze repeatedly tore loose the placards tied to railing above the small circle of protesters, the doctors expressed their bitterness at the "never-ending strike and the totally fruitless negotiations."

"All of us are fed-up and depressed," said Dr. Yosef Menczer, deputy head of Sheba's maternity department. "We can't do our jobs properly. There's a lot of pressure from all sides, especially from patients who need treatment or surgery and have to be told that only really urgent cases are being treated. What can you tell a woman who is in pain and needs an operation — that her condition is not an emergency and that she'll have to wait?"

"None of us ever dreamed that this would drag on so long," said a senior plastic surgeon. "I can't even imagine what's going to happen when this finally ends and all the people who have been put off come stampeding to the hospital. Even in the best of times, the backlog is tremendous. This mess will take forever to straighten out."

## Trevor-Roper: Doubts over Hitler diaries

LONDON (Reuters). — Historian Hugh Trevor-Roper, who authenticated the Hitler diaries, said yesterday they could have been forged. The British scholar said: "I do believe the Hitler diaries are genuine but there are complications. I will not put a percentage figure on my beliefs."

Asked about doubts over the documents he said, "There is a possibility that the diaries were forged. There was always that possibility, but it would have been a very difficult operation. I have studied the handwriting and I believe it to be Hitler's. But on the technical side, I would prefer to leave that to the graphologists."

Two of Hitler's personal aides were quoted by the Hamburg weekly *Bild am Sonntag* yesterday as saying the materials are all fake. And several historians said there is proof they were forged.

"The discovery of Hitler's alleged diaries is one of the many fairy-tale lies that we have known since the

war," said Hitler's Luftwaffe adjutant, Nicolas Von Bulow. "We often sat until three or four at night and Hitler would then go to bed. He had no more time to write." Asked another aide, Richard Schulze-Kossens: "When could Hitler have written these 60 diaries?"

The historians' scepticism centred on the fact that Hitler's intimates unanimously remember him as a man unwilling or — because of his deteriorating physical condition — unable to write at any length. And Hitler himself never mentioned a diary, aside from an enigmatic remark to his pilot.

"Although extraordinary efforts have been made over many years to scrape together every scrap of information about Hitler, there has never been a suggestion that he kept diaries," noted another British expert, Lord Bullock, author of *Hitler: A Study in Tyranny*.

West German historian Werner Maser, author of *Hitler — Legend, Myth and Truth*, recalled that Hitler

was plagued by nerve ailments toward the end of his life, and his right arm was badly damaged by the bomb explosion that nearly killed him in July 1944. "He was hardly in the position to write something down with his own hand," Maser said.

Israeli historian Shaul Friedlander of the Hebrew University, said Hitler was psychologically incapable of "this kind of systematic recording of daily impressions. He (worked) in fits."

The British Jewish community has expressed concern that the diaries might whitewash Hitler. Greville Janner, president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, told a plenary meeting of the board yesterday that the board would welcome "any sincere effort to bring to a youthful and forgetful generation the evil of Hitler," but would be extremely concerned if the diaries attempted to "whitewash or diminish" Hitler's crimes. (Reuters, AP)

## 11-year-old found hanging from gatepost

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN

TEL AVIV. — An 11-year-old boy, found hanging from a rope on the gatepost of a football field in Bat-Yam's Gan Eshkol was cut down and given mouth-to-mouth resuscitation by a passerby.

A cardiac ambulance was called, which gave the boy intensive treatment and rushed him to Wolfson Hospital.

At about 10 a.m. the Tel Aviv district police received reports of a boy

seen hanging on the gate of the field. By the time they reached the spot, he had already been taken down.

The police are investigating whether the boy, whose name has not been released for publication, tried to commit suicide or was the victim of a murder attempt or of an accident.

The boy's condition has improved, it was reported from Wolfson Hospital later yesterday.

## One killed and two injured in crash

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — A woman was killed and two drivers were seriously injured when their cars collided on Sderot Abba Kheushy, outside Haifa University yesterday.

Amira Halabi, aged 50, was a passenger in the car being driven by her brother Adib. They were travelling from their home in Daliat al-Carmel towards Abuza and were involved in a collision with a car which had come from the opposite direction.

The driver of the second car, 22-year-old Dikla Ron, from Haifa, and Adib Halabi, were both taken

to hospital suffering from multiple injuries.

Meanwhile, a man was jailed for two years, was banned from driving for life and was fined IS30,000 at Tel Aviv Magistrates Court yesterday.

The court was told that Yigal Nahum, 39, from Petah Tikva, who was also given a suspended jail sentence of three years, drove at 70 kilometres an hour in Tel Aviv, ignored a stop sign and crashed into a car coming towards him. Two people in the other car were slightly hurt.

## Arens starts weekly defence survey

Jerusalem Post Reporter

In what appears to be the first step towards the establishment of a national defence council, Defence Minister Moshe Arens has started preparing a weekly defence survey of the Middle-East.

The survey, prepared by IDF Intelligence, contains texts, maps, illustrations and graphic explanations of the Middle-East situation, and is kept at the cabinet secretary's desk.

Any member of the ministerial

## defence committee

who wishes to consult the survey must do so at the desk, but may do so at any time.

Sources close to Arens said the minister is determined to give the committee members as much information as possible, to enable them to function with the greatest efficiency.

The sources see the institution of the survey as a prelude to the establishment of a national defence council — something Arens has said he intends to set up.

## Lebanese charged with attack on U.S. troops

BEIRUT (AP). — Lebanon's military prosecutor Assad Germanos on Saturday formally charged an alleged Lebanese member of a radical Palestinian terrorist group with staging the March 16 grenade attack on a U.S. Marine patrol on Beirut's southern outskirts.

A statement from the prosecutor's office said Germanos has asked the military court to prosecute Nazmi Sakka, 30, a one-time member of the Syrian-backed Sa'ika terrorist organization, on a charge of hurling the grenade that slightly injured five marines last month.

## Tobacco ads to carry health warning

By HENRY E. BAKER

As of today, all tobacco advertising must carry a Health Ministry warning that smoking is unhealthy. But offenders may be free from penalty for three months, when further restrictions on tobacco advertising come into force.

Under section 7 of the Restriction on Advertising of Tobacco Products for Smoking Law, 5743-1983, effective April 25, 1983, no person may advertise tobacco products, or a tobacco trade name, in any newspaper or any other printed matter unless the ad contains in the last line and in a box an underlined warning worded as follows: "The Ministry of Health has established that smoking is injurious to health."

The warning must be in the language in which the publication is published, and in clear letters of a minimum size of 12 points in bold type.

Under section 11 of the law, any person who contravenes any provision of the law will, if an individual, be liable to a fine of IS75,000 and, if a corporate body, be liable to a fine of IS200,000.

That section will not come into force until July 25, 1983, so that it would appear that a person who contravenes the above provisions of section 7 of the law before July 25, 1983 will not be liable to any penalty.

Section 382 of the Criminal Code Ordinance, 1936 provided that any person who contravened any provision of a law for which no penalty was otherwise provided was liable to imprisonment for seven days or to a fine of five pounds.

That section was repealed by the Criminal Law Amendment (Modes of Punishment) Law, 5714-1954, which came into force on September 17, 1954, and section 11 of that law prescribed the penalty for an offence created by a law which did not prescribe any penalty for such offence, but only if such law came into force before September 17, 1954.



A Tel Aviv policeman inspects a home-made go-kart yesterday, which was impounded when its young builders were arrested for driving it without a licence. (GPPA)

## Poison gas evaporates safely

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HERZLIYA. — Poisonous ammonia gas leaking from a tank on the back of a truck yesterday billowed in white clouds on Herzliya Beach for hours, while firefighters wearing gas masks sprayed water in an attempt to neutralize it.

The truck was loading liquid ammonia at the Hamzan Veargon plant in Herzliya's industrial zone at about 4 p.m. As a crane was lowering the first of three tanks — each of which contained 1.5 tons of ammonia — onto the truck, it struck the valve at the side of the tank and a white gas began streaming out.

A number of workers who breathed in the gas began vomiting. Police and firefighters rushed to the scene and closed off the area, towing the truck to the nearby beach. Two policemen became nauseated and were taken to hospital.

On the beach, police cordoned off the area for hundreds of metres around the truck, splashing first foam and then water at it in an effort to dilute and neutralize the leaking gas. They eventually decided to leave the leak alone and to allow the gas to evaporate.

For about four hours the truck stood some 300 metres away from the luxury Accadia Hotel, billowing attractive white clouds. Fortunately, the wind carried the clouds, watched by hotel guests, in the opposite direction.

By 8 p.m. the gas was reported to have leaked out completely and the danger passed.

## Peres denies prior knowledge of war aim

By SARAH HONIG  
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Labour Party chairman Shimon Peres yesterday denied Labour MK Yossi Sarid's claim that opposition heads were privy to the full objectives of the Lebanon war before it was launched.

Sarid said in Beersheba on Saturday that the full Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence committee had been told 12 hours before the outset of the war that its final objective

would be to link up with Christian forces in Beirut.

Sarid also claimed that none of the opposition heads had opposed the plan, and that he had been the only one to speak out against it. The official alignment position is that former defence minister Ariel Sharon misled them about the war's ultimate aims.

Peres issued a statement yesterday saying that "all that had been published about prior knowledge of the war's objectives by Labour leaders is unfounded."

## Lebanon to end trade with Israel

Jerusalem Post Reporter

METULLA. — The Lebanese government yesterday informed Lebanese merchants that they have until May 7 to cut their commercial ties with Israel. Merchants who continue to trade with Israel after that date will be prosecuted, the government said.

The merchants say that the Lebanese Army has set up

roadblocks within Beirut and is searching for Israeli products. Goods originating in Israel are confiscated and a number of merchants have been arrested.

Israeli delegates to the Israel-Lebanon negotiations intend taking the matter up with their Lebanese counterparts when they meet in Haifa today. They are to demand that the Lebanese government cease its harassment of the traders.

## UNIFIL unit finds PLO mortar cache

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — A cache of mortar shells, apparently freshly brought out from storage and almost ready for firing, was discovered and destroyed by the Dutch battalion of UNIFIL 10 days ago.

UNIFIL spokesman Timor Goksel said the cache of 30 Chinese-made shells of 82mm calibre was found under some rocks and trees, "and from all the signs had been out in the open for only a very short time."

This is in contrast to a quantity of other ammunition discovered by UNIFIL recently, some of it washed up from underground caches by the

rain. Goksel said the shells were "professionally packed" in one case, with their fuses and booster charges in another, apparently ready for firing.

They were found about 12 kilometres southeast of Tyre near the village of Dir Amis, nearly 20 kms. from the Israeli border. The shells have a range of about seven kms., which the booster charges might have extended by another kilometre or so.

Before the war in Lebanon, a number of PLO camps were located in the area, and UNIFIL estimates that much ammunition must still be hidden underground there.

## Lahat sees increase in Polish contacts

By CAROL COOK  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Mayor Shlomo Lahat says he has visited Poland's minister of culture to visit Tel Aviv, and expects a gradual increase in

personal contacts between Israelis and Poles.

He was speaking at a press conference yesterday, hours after returning from ceremonies in Poland marking the 40th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising.

Lahat said he believes that Poles would gradually begin to visit Israel as a result of the visit of the Israeli delegation. He also said Israelis should visit Poland to better understand the Holocaust.

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## Radio introduces non-stop classical programme

By JUDY SIEGEL  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Starting Sunday at 6 a.m., Kol Yisrael will broadcast 19 hours of uninterrupted classical music daily on FM.

The First Programme will be split into AM and FM stations, with the AM set aside for talk programmes, the Open University, and religious, agricultural, immigrants' and school programmes. The FM station will be renamed *Kol Hamusica*, and will broadcast, without commercials from 6 a.m. until 1 a.m. seven days a week. Kol Hamusica will offer only four news bulletins a day: at 7 a.m., 1 p.m., 7 p.m. and midnight.

Avi Hanani, director of musical programming at Kol Yisrael, told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that he expects some classical music fans to buy new FM radios for their cars and homes to hear *Kol Hamusica*. Even a small transistorized FM radio can receive the programmes because the station is also monaural, he said.

The division in service was decided on after years of requests from inside and outside the radio.

The programmes will follow a fixed schedule. A five-hour morning concert will begin at 7:05 a.m., followed by an hour of chamber music. A live chamber concert will be

broadcast every Wednesday at noon. Poetry will be heard three times a day, and operas, ballet music and popular classical music is scheduled for 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. every day.

A magazine on musical events in Israel will be aired five times a week, and will be followed by an hour-long programme for youth, in cooperation with the radio's youth department. Children will have musical quizzes and talks, and a guide to modern pop.

Portraits of composers and performers will be broadcast between 6 p.m. and 7 p.m., followed by an hour of quiet background music. At 8 p.m., there will be music for "minorities," including Jewish folk music, Christian music and folk music from abroad.

The main evening concert will run from 8:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. Five hours a week will be devoted to listeners' requests and foreign-language drama will be broadcast on Fridays between 11 p.m. and midnight.

Hanani said that light classical music will still be broadcast on the First Programme (AM) from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. It will include commercial announcements.

*Kol Hamusica* will be broadcast on 91.3 MHz, FM.

## Naipaul declines to deliver 'instant analysis' of Israel

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Jerusalem Prize laureate V.S. Naipaul told a press conference in the capital yesterday that "I always compare coming to a new country to reviewing a new book — I prefer not to read any other reviews before I begin on it."

This was the Trinidad-born writer's way of attempting to fend off persistent demands from reporters for his opinion on Israel.

Naipaul, who has written about numerous countries during his extensive travels over the past 20 years, pleaded that he simply had never had the opportunity to come to Israel before, and that "I really know nothing about Israel or Zionism or the problems that you are so keen for me to comment about."

Pressed further, Naipaul admitted that he had learned something about Israel and the Jewish people from his recent reading of essays by Isaiah Berlin, but added that he had been drawn to the Anglo-Jewish philosopher simply because he was interested in his mind. Berlin was a previous recipient of the Jerusalem Prize.

The 51-year-old writer, who has lived in England ever since entering Oxford at 17, added that "I travel not to explore, but to discover states

of mind. I look for human encounters."

Often accused of being detached from the problems of the nations he writes about, Naipaul admitted that he enjoys "the luxury of being a sort of floating man." But, he said, "this hasn't always been easy. I recognize this as a sort of incompleteness."

Asked if he aligns himself with any cause, Naipaul said, "My own cause, if I could define it, is the life of the mind and the society where that flourishes. I'm simply not interested in saving the buffalo. That sort of thing is a waste of my time."

Naipaul will receive his prize at a ceremony on Wednesday at 8:30 p.m. at the Jerusalem Khan. On the same day at 4 p.m., he is to participate in a symposium at the Van Leer Jerusalem Foundation.

The Jerusalem Prize is awarded every two years in conjunction with the Jerusalem International Book Fair, which starts today at Binyanei Ha'uma. The fair opens to the public tomorrow and closes on Saturday night.

Among newsworthy exhibits, the first volume of a seven-volume work based on Theodor Herzl's letters and diaries goes on display today at the fair. The volume is edited by Dr. Alex Bein of the Chaim Weizmann Institute for Zionism Research at Tel Aviv University.

## New envoy leaves for New Zealand

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Deputy Mayor Zvi Zimmerman (Likud-Liberal) is to leave for New Zealand today to take up his post as ambassador. Meanwhile, the Likud plan to bring in Uriel Linn from Tel Aviv to run for mayor of Haifa in next November's elections.

Zimmerman told a farewell press conference that the Herut partners of the Likud had agreed to the candidacy of Linn, a former State Revenues Administration commissioner and the current director-general of the Energy Ministry. According to their unification agreement the Liberals contest Haifa for the Likud. The residence law would be slightly amended to make Linn's candidacy legal.

The 68-year-old Zimmerman, who has added the Hebrew

"Boneh" to his name for his ambassadorial post, said he expected to present his credentials in Wellington next month. Former ambassador, Ya'acov Morris, left New Zealand last November.

Summing up his five years as deputy mayor and head of the city's Town Planning Commission, Zimmerman said he was aware that he had not been popular among the city's contractors, who had demonstrated against him, "but I put the good of the town and preservation of its beauty before my own popularity," he said.

It is expected he will be succeeded as deputy mayor by council member Moshe Rofeh, provided objections inside the local Liberal Party and with the Herut branch are sorted out. On the council he will be succeeded by the next man on the Likud list, Herut's Anram Edry.

## Druse communities in joint celebration

Jerusalem Post Reporter

NAZARETH. — Israel's Druse community today begins to celebrate the four-day feast of Nabi Shueib.

Thousands of Israeli and Golan Heights Druse will be joined by several thousand Druse religious leaders and dignitaries from Lebanon at Nabi Shueib's grave, near Tiberias today for prayers and celebration.

Druse spiritual leader Sheikh Amin Tappi has urged IDF and Interior Ministry officials to facilitate the border crossing of the Lebanese guests.

The Nabi Shueib celebration was begun over 100 years ago, as an opportunity for Druse from

throughout the area to pray and consult together.

Druse school children from Galilee and South Lebanon yesterday held a festive parade at the holy site. The Education Ministry has held events at Druse schools with the aim of fostering Druse heritage and has sent educational material to Lebanon at the request of the community there.

Meanwhile, the government yesterday decided to prohibit Israeli Druse youths from studying at the el-Baida religious college in South Lebanon. Nissim Dana, head of the minorities division of the Religious Affairs Ministry, said the move was due to the fragile political and military situation in Lebanon.

## IDF release Druse notables after MK's plea

METULLA. — Eleven Druse notables from Lebanon's Shouf Mountains were released recently from the Ansar detention camp in South Lebanon. Six remain in detention.

The Druse were arrested over the past few months on suspicion of having aided terrorist groups that had crossed the Syrian lines to attack IDF targets in Lebanon.

They were released at the order of Defence Minister Moshe Arens, who had been requested to do so by Likud Druse Knesset member Amal Nasser e-Din.

E-Din said yesterday that an independent investigation he had undertaken in Lebanon had shown that the Syrians were pressuring the Druse in the Shouf Mountains to oppose the IDF.

## Growing number of Israelis go abroad

Jerusalem Post Reporter

More Israelis went abroad during the first three months of this year than in the corresponding quarter last year, according to Central Bureau of Statistics figures released yesterday.

Departures were probably because Pessah fell in March this year, said a bureau spokesman. Pre-holiday travellers accounted for about half of the 128,400 departures, he said.

Over 109,800 Israelis returned to the country in the January-March period — 6 per cent more than last year.



This sword, designed by Jean Cocteau and presented to the French Jewish writer Joseph Kessel when he was elected to the French Academy, is to be presented to the Hebrew University. The writer left the sword to the university in his will. The presentation, to be made tomorrow, as part of the 11th Jerusalem International Book Fair, will be at the Givat Ram campus.

## Radio prize for Elkins

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Veteran Jerusalem correspondent Michael Elkins last week received the Sony radio award for 1983, and was presented with a sculpture by Princess Michael of Kent in a London ceremony.

Elkins recently retired as a BBC reporter and now serves as a consultant to the BBC. He won the award for his reporting from the Middle East, particularly his coverage of the Sabra and Shatilla massacre. In 1980, he won a similar award for his radio programme, "A Jew at Christmas."

The winner was selected by top radio and TV critics and newspapers in the British Commonwealth.

## Soap maker is fined

A soap-powder manufacturer was fined IS4,000 recently for producing a substandard product.

The fine was imposed at Tel Aviv Magistrates Court against Shalom Baruchim, owner of the OK Chemical plant in Holon.

The Tel Aviv area legal adviser to the Industry and Trade Ministry said that Baruchim's factory produced washing powder without the necessary "non-edible" warning on the box, and with substandard ingredients.

## Top police detective phone-less for 7 months

By ROBERT ROSENBERG  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

For the last seven months, Jerusalem's top detective has been working without a telephone in his Gilo apartment, making his contact with headquarters extremely difficult.

Chief Superintendent Sgan-Nitzav Arie Schneiders, chief of investigations for the Jerusalem

sub-district, moved to Gilo seven months ago, and since then, despite pleas from his commanding officers to the Communications Ministry, no telephone has been installed in his flat.

In his role as chief of investigations, Schneiders is responsible for all undercover operations, special investigations and all other investigations conducted by the Jerusalem police department.

He is often forced to roam Gilo at 2 a.m. looking for a telephone from which to call the police emergency number, to answer radio calls.

Communication over the open frequency of the police radio system is not secure for much of the information he handles.

A Communications Ministry official said he was looking into the matter.

## Armenians recall mass slaughter by Turks

By HAIM SHAPIRO  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Virtually the entire Armenian community of Jerusalem marched from the Armenian convent in the Old City to their nearby cemetery to commemorate the slaughter of Armenians by the Turks in 1915.

In their annual memorial ceremony they laid wreaths at a cenotaph marking the graves of Armenian soldiers who fought with the British forces in World War I, helping to take a strategic hilltop in Lower Galilee.

At the head of the 2,000-strong procession was a veteran in a wheelchair, with battle ribbons on his chest.

An estimated 1.5m. Armenians died when the Turks forcibly deported them from Eastern Turkey, claiming that they served the interests of Turkey's enemies.

"There aren't many survivors of the Armenian massacre left," said George Hintlian, secretary to the Armenian patriarch. "In Jerusalem

there are perhaps 100, and many of them are bedridden."

Armenians in Jerusalem today are the children and grandchildren of the survivors of the slaughter.

The date of the memorial marks the anniversary of the execution of some 200 Armenian leaders in Istanbul.

During the march the participants carried placards and banners in calling for the release of Father Manuel, an Armenian priest from Jerusalem who was imprisoned in Turkey during a visit there four years ago. Armenian sources in Jerusalem said the cleric, who has undergone two operations for a bleeding ulcer, was held on the basis of "evidence" consisting of cassettes of Armenian songs.

Speaking of the recent attacks on Turkish diplomatic representatives, the members of the Armenian Committee said that, in contrast to the Germans after the Holocaust, the perpetrators of the mass killings of Armenians have never accepted

their nation's responsibility or guilt. "These are the people who carry out Turkish policy, both officially and unofficially."

"They (the terrorists) do not kill innocent people. They don't leave bombs on buses or attack schoolchildren. Before the terrorists began their actions, no one knew who the Armenians were. Now they recognize us."

"Naturally we condemn terror, but we can understand the frustration that leads to it."

For the first time the 220 Armenians in Haifa held a procession to commemorate the anniversary of the massacre.

Verm Lafajan, one of those who organized the protest, told *The Jerusalem Post* that they urge the Turkish authorities to stop persecuting their co-religionists in Turkey.

He said the community might erect a statue near Adit, where the only Armenian village stood until 1979. (Greek parties, page 4)

## Technion develops device for vision diagnosis

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Technion scientists have developed a visual stimulator for the diagnosis of vision-system disturbances which is small enough to be brought to the patient's bedside, the Technion announced yesterday.

The instrument, which its developers claim is far easier to use than the models currently in use, enables physicians to detect vision problems at an early stage. It can also provide early warning of the onset of multiple sclerosis.

The visual stimulator flashes pattern changes before the patient's eyes while electrodes on the scalp monitor the brain's reaction.

## Thousands to take part in Children's Week

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Tours of Jerusalem for handicapped children, a Knesset reception for immigrant children and an encounter between youngsters and authors of children's books will take place during Children's Week, which starts today.

Held annually, this year's event is being organized under the patronage of Ofra Navon, wife of the president. She will meet with young volunteer workers at Beit Hanassi on Wednesday, and will take part in the encounter with authors on Thursday.

Over 350 young immigrants will be received at the Knesset by Absorption Minister Aharon Uzan tomorrow. Later they will be taken on a visit to the Western Wall and entertained at the International

Cultural Centre for Youth. Thousands of handicapped children will also take part in special tours of the city.

Children's Week, organized by the Education Ministry and the IC-CY, will also include organized visits to hospitalized children, a day devoted to Arab youngsters and another to deaf children. Yesterday 30 Tel Aviv schools hosted wives of foreign diplomats.

## Fake imports suspect is ordered into custody

HADERA (Iim). — A man was ordered detained for 10 days while police investigate allegations that he took millions of shekels from people who had ordered imported cars from him — and then did not deliver their vehicles.

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## Glass triptych for National Library

By MEIR RONNEN  
Post Art Editor

A huge triptych in stained glass by artist Mordecai Ardon is to be installed in the upper foyer of the Jewish National and University Library at Givat Ram in Jerusalem. Ephraim Ilin, the volunteer coordinator of the project, announced at a press conference of the library yesterday.

Covering an area of some 100 square metres in a floor-to-floor installation 6.5 metres high, the triptych will be bigger than the Chagall Windows at the Hadassah Hospital synagogue — and is being made by the same craftsman, Charles Marq of Rheims.

The windows, an interpretation of a passage from *Isaiah*, will cost more than \$500,000. It is being financed by the sale of a limited, signed and numbered edition of 150 scale replicas, printed by Arca of Paris in a 26-colour silkscreen process on 8mm plexiglass. Each of the \$6,000 replicas, one of which was on show at the library yesterday, is mounted in its own lighting system.

Purchasers will also get a deluxe book of Ardon's drawings and studies for the project. Any funds raised in excess will be used to create an endowment fund for the library.

Ardon, now in his eighties, is a former director of the Bezalel school and a senior Ministry of Education official. He is donating his labours to mark the 50th anniversary of his arrival in Jerusalem. He now spends most of his time working in Paris.

Police told the Hadera Magistrate's Court that Haim Cohen, 37, took in IS3 million, and when, after a long wait, his customers asked him to return it, he refused.

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### Events during the Exhibition:

April 26, 5.00-8.00 p.m.: Symposium lead by Rina Mokady and Haim Shapiro on — "Wines and Chinese Dishes."

April 27, 9.00 a.m.-4.00 p.m.: Annual meeting of the Israel Association for Food and Nutrition Science

April 28, 9.00 a.m.-1.00 p.m.: Study day conducted by the Israel Centre for Product and Packaging Design — "Packaging as a Marketing Factor"

2.00 p.m.: Distribution of certificates to companies that won awards in the "Food Packaging" competition

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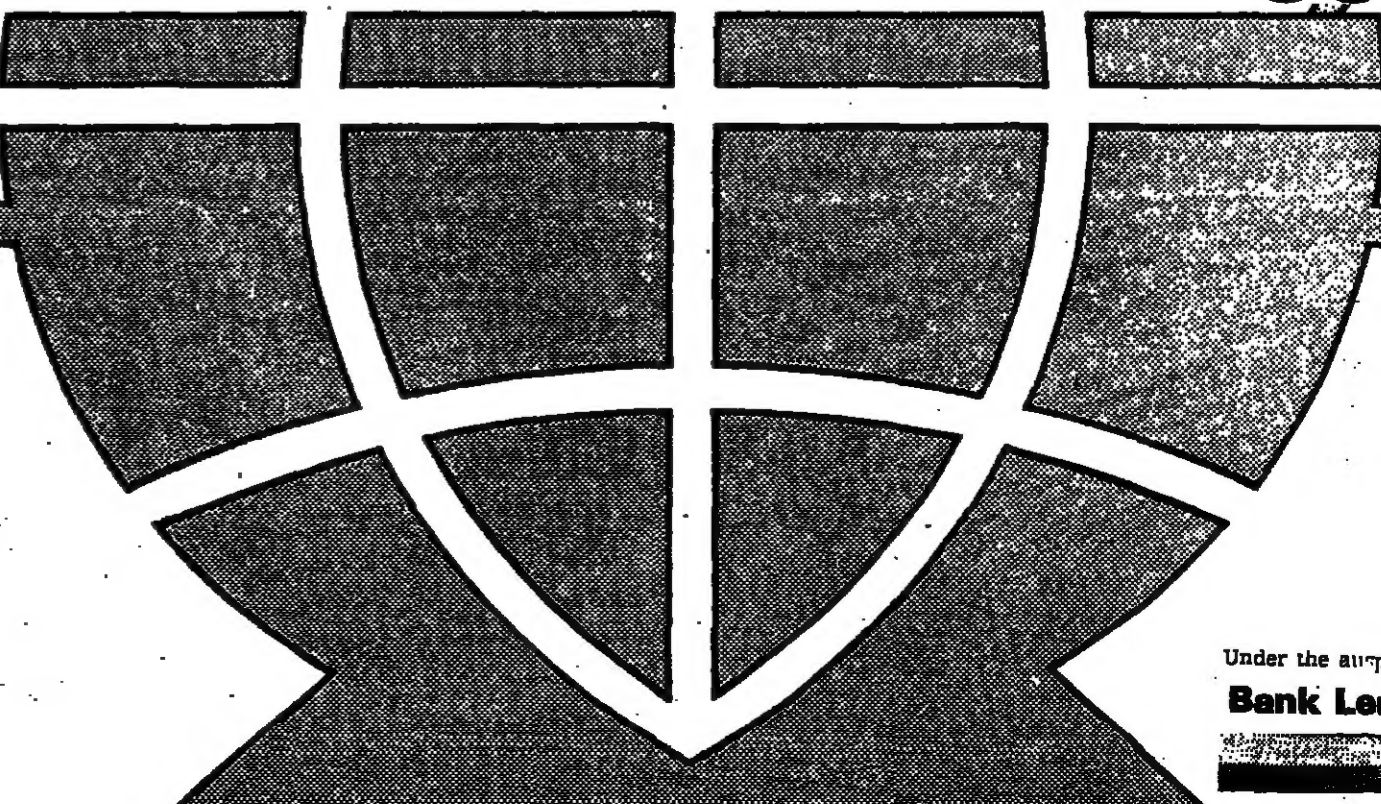
Monday — Thursday, 2.00-5.00 p.m.

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# Backing away from Begin

By LEON HADAR / Post New York Correspondent



Rita Hauser... "There is an alternative." (Israel Sun)

"neo-conservatives" who argued that American support for Israel stems mainly from strategic considerations, for Israel is a strategic asset to the U.S. The neo-conservatives reached their zenith, especially during the term of office of the former Secretary of State Alexander Haig. Today, especially after the war in Lebanon, many American Jews are becoming aware that Israeli-American friendship is not based solely on strategic considerations, and includes many components, among them a U.S. moral commitment to Israel which has been eroded as a result of Israel's policies.

The neo-conservatives believed that the American administration, and the political elite, which appreciated Israel's strategic contribution to the U.S., would excuse Israel for its policies in the West Bank, especially since there is no Arab partner for negotiations on the future of those areas. But Hauser finds that that is not the case.

HAUSER, who is a member of the prestigious Council on Foreign Relations and other important political and business bodies, traces

many non-Jewish friends of Israel express disgust with some of its policies, and regard Israel as an "aggressor" although they say that they support it "but..." Some even call for putting pressure on Israel and ending economic and political aid to the Jewish State.

American Jews have to express their criticism of Israeli policies, including other aspects of those policies, such as Israeli relations with South Africa or Israel's relations with some dictatorial regimes, although she realizes that such policies might play into the hands of Israel's enemies, or create the perception of a divided Jewish community. If American Jews will not express their beliefs vis-à-vis Israel, they will lose their credibility vis-à-vis their non-Jewish colleagues, and eventually their effectiveness as a political force, she argues.

"There is also the perception that Begin speaks on behalf of the world Jewish community," she notes. "Well, I did not elect him and he certainly does not speak on my behalf on many issues," she states, referring in particular to Begin's relations with the Fundamentalist Moral Majority group in the U.S. "I

don't have any doubt that Begin's embrace of Jerry Falwell alienated the majority of American Jews, who regard Falwell and his group as a major threat to their political position in this country," she argues.

HAUSER is not sure, however, about the effectiveness of American Jewish views on the political process in Israel. "Begin, despite my disagreement with him, is a democratically elected leader, and it should be left to the Israeli public to make its decision about its leadership," she said, adding that many "frustrated Israelis" approach the Jewish community here, asking its help in their opposition to the Likud government. "Some even suggest that we should cut our financial aid to the Jewish State," she notes.

"The power of the American Jewish community to influence the political decision-making in Israel is very limited," she suggests. What the American Jewish community can and should do, she said, is to try to influence the perception of Israelis, especially of members of the Israeli political elite, of American attitudes towards Israel. American Jews are much more familiar with the situation in Israel than Israelis are with the American

political process, and Israelis should be aware of the limits to their support in the U.S.

She believes, for example, that Moshe Arens' experience as ambassador here gave him the right perspective for American and American-Jewish relations with Israel — a perspective many Israeli leaders and opinion-makers should have.

And she believes that there is one constant factor in the American-Israeli relationship with Israel since the birth of the Jewish State: the American leadership continues to support the partition of historical Palestine between Jews and Arabs, and will not accept any Israeli policies aimed at annexing the West Bank and Gaza. "I wouldn't like to see Israel being pressured by the U.S. or denied political and economic policies because of its policies in the West Bank," argues Hauser. "But President Reagan should make U.S. policies on these issues clear. I don't believe Israel can ignore for long the American positions on these issues."

"We are at a crucial point in American-Israeli relations," argues Hauser. "Israeli and American policies are on a collision course." Hussein's current refusal to enter the peace process should not mislead the Israelis. "The Palestinian issue will remain alive, and when the dust settles American-Israeli disagreement on the settlement issue will become obvious to any objective observer."

DISSENT FROM official Israeli government policy has become respectable since a major U.S. Jewish organization recently expressed serious disagreement with the government's West Bank policy and implied support for the policy of the Labour Party and of the Reagan administration.

"The American Jewish Committee believes that UN Security Council Resolution 242, embraced in the Camp David accords, as applied to the West Bank and Gaza, ought to lead to territorial compromise through negotiations and to full peace between Israel and her neighbors," stated the American Jewish Committee (AJC) in a position paper.

The paper, which took several months to prepare, was issued after long discussions which centered on whether the committee should express public disagreement with the Israeli government. Those who thought so finally received the support of the majority of the leaders of the organization.

"We view acts by Israel which could limit the flexibility necessary to enable the parties to reach agreement on the future status of the areas as being unhelpful to the peace process," read the statement. "Moreover, the AJC shares the concerns of many Israelis that the continuing and indefinite Israeli administration of the West Bank and Gaza, with governance over the lives of more than a million Arabs who are not citizens of Israel, could in the course of time undermine the democratic and humane principles of the State of Israel."

And the statement continued: "The American Jewish Committee believes that in the absence of negotiations concerning the West Bank and Gaza, it may well be that Israel's current settlement policy, if continued, may make withdrawal at a later date no longer a viable option for any Israeli government."

TO BE SURE, the statement expressed support for Israel's basic security needs, and blasted the Arab camp for its attitudes towards Israel. However, the fact that a major group like the AJC has gone public with such a critical statement of Israel's policies in the West Bank should serve as a warning sign to all those who believe that all is well in Israel-American-Jewish relations.

Rita Hauser, a New York attorney and a moderate Republican activist who is close to the current administration in Washington, is the chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the AJC, and is expected to be elected as the

chairman of the executive committee of the organization soon. Together with Alfred Moses, a Democratic Party activist, and a former adviser to President Jimmy Carter, she drafted the AJC position paper on the Middle East.

In an interview in her office in Manhattan, Hauser expressed her view that the paper's position vis-à-vis Begin's policies in the West Bank reflects both a growing criticism of Israel's policies among many segments of the American Jewish community, and the willingness to make such criticism public. "Israel is today the main military power in the Middle East, and is not facing any major threats to its security," she asserts. Therefore, she argues, American Jews, like their Israeli counterparts, feel much more comfortable in airing publicly their disagreement with the Israeli policies.

"No one can argue today that Israel has no choice, no alternative to its policies in the West Bank," she explains. "There is an alternative to the policies aimed at suppressing the rights of the West Bank population, of rejecting their right for self-determination," she continues. Israel, for example, can pursue policies along the lines of the Dayton Plan, which called for Israeli military withdrawal to major strategic points in the West Bank, and for not interfering in the political life of the West Bankers.

"IN ANY CASE, Israel's settlement policies and its current policies towards the Palestinians contradicts American Jewish values and American interests, and I believe that they are hurting also Israeli interests," said Hauser. Such policies are aimed at "closing options" in the West Bank and preventing in the long run any possibility for territorial compromise in the West Bank, she adds. This is something that "should concern us as American Jews because we have to ask ourselves whether we want to see the Jewish State to which we are so committed becoming a bi-national state in which the rights of the Arabs are denied." This will be an Israel whose "moral position in the world and in the U.S. will totally erode," she said, expressing her concern.

For a few years the American Jewish community has been under the influence of American-Jewish

## The time of their lives

By LEA LEVAVI / Jerusalem Post Reporter

WHEN more than 150 Mahalniks (volunteers from abroad who helped bring illegal immigrants and fought for Israel in the War of Independence) get together at Soldiers House in Tel Aviv tonight, only part of the purpose will be to see old friends and chat about old times.

The organizers of the get-together hope the event will also convince potential immigrants that it is possible to be happy and successful in Israel. "About 40 people are coming from abroad for the occasion," explains Murray Greenfield, one of the organizers. "The rest are people who have lived here for the 35 years since the War of Independence. We assume that if they were not happy, they would not come to a gathering like this. Now what we want to do is to get these people's success stories to their hometown papers. Hearing about an immigrant who has been here for a year or two, and may or may not be here five years hence, is one thing; someone who has lived here for 35 years makes an entirely different impression."

Greenfield says Mahalniks were generally not Zionists. They also were not young men (and a few young women) in search of adventure. "First and foremost, we were Jews. Some of us had seen the camps with our own eyes when the armies with which we served got there. Others of us have heard about them. We all knew that if our parents had not happened to leave Europe and come to America when they did, we, too, could have been victims."

Mahal, he says, was the most important thing that happened to him in his life, and he is sure he speaks for the majority of other volunteers as well. "It meant being part of the Third Commonwealth. I am not saying the state would not have succeeded without us; after all, we were only 5,000 people. However, I think we were the straw that broke the camel's back. We brought about 40 per cent of the illegal immigrants, and there are those who think that England would not have brought the issue before the UN if it had not been for the headache caused by illegal immigration. Then, there were men who brought to Mahal expertise gained during World War II in fields in which not many people here had gotten training. For example, how many people were there here who could have put together an air force?"

The Mahalniks found the lack of discipline difficult to understand, and were also confused when the soldiers to their left and right were

not necessarily all carrying the same weapons. "But we never doubted for a moment that we would win. We felt there had to be some justice in this world, particularly for Jews."

GREENFIELD had served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. After the war, a Zionist (who is still living in the U.S.) asked him if he would be prepared to help bring Jews illegally from Europe to Palestine.

"I had hated the sea, and I asked him if I would get paid for the job. He said no, so I agreed. If he had said yes, I would have told him to hire someone else, and I would have gone off to college. Helping fellow Jews as a volunteer was something different, something important, something I am very glad to have had the opportunity to do."

"Only about ten per cent of Mahalniks stayed in Israel after the war, but those who left are still talking day and night about what they did for Israel because it is so important to them. A few hundred who went home after the war have since come back as immigrants, particularly after they had children."

Each of the approximately 500 Mahalniks who stayed here after the War of Independence had his or her own reasons, he adds. "In my case, I think I was just lucky and met really nice people. When I told one family from Petah Tikva that I was going home to America, they said, 'America is not my home. My home is their home here. I decided to stay.'"

He is pleased to note that he and his colleagues have not "gotten too spoiled" after 35 years here. "We probably could have gotten subsidization for our get-together, but we did not want it. Everyone is paying for their own dinner. Many people agreed to come only after I promised them that there will be no speeches and no head table. I think we are the same people we were then, and I am proud of that."

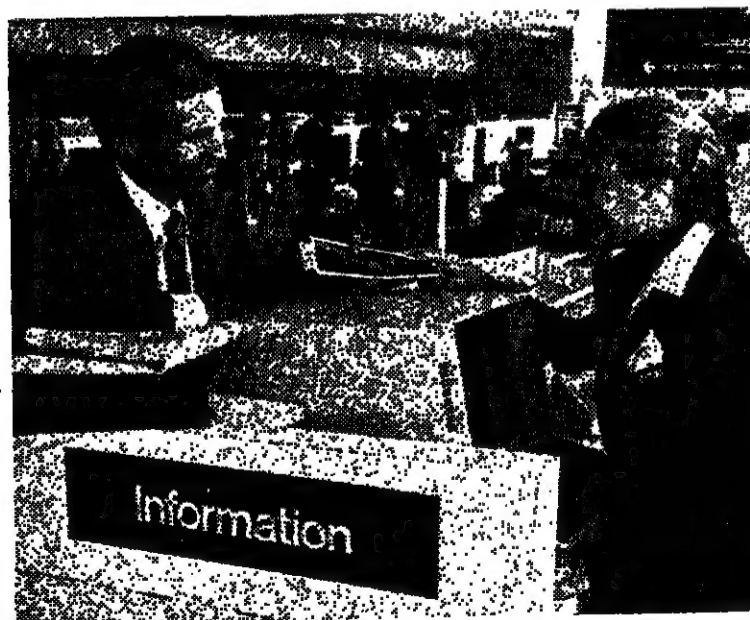
The Mahalniks who live in Israel can be found on kibbutzim and in cities, in a variety of businesses and professions, Greenfield says. His name is known to many immigrants from the importing service he used to run. Now, in addition to a wide variety of volunteer work, he has a small publishing plant in Beit El, specializing in books of Jewish interest. "Profits are about like what I made in Mahal, and I only hope it will not get worse," he says. "I went into it because I think those of us who feel that Eretz Yisrael is ours have to do something about it, like provide jobs for people, and not just talk."

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# DEFENDING THE COUNTRY

D'vora Ben Shaul remembers Avraham Yoffe, who died earlier this month.



Avraham Yoffe as army general (left) and nature protectionist... "It's easier to be generous when you've got plenty to give."



(Shabtai Tal, Teddy Kandel)

IT WAS APPARENT from the people who gathered last week for the funeral of Aluf (Res.) Avraham Yoffe that he had come into contact with, and deeply touched, a wide variety of Israelis. Not only were the prime minister, his predecessor and other ministers and former ministers present, but also friends representing the different periods of Yoffe's past.

Soldiers of every era, from Orde Wingate's Night Squads to young men in today's Golan Brigade, professors, teachers, neighbours and practically everyone who ever worked in the field of nature protection — all mingled with a delegation of Beduin who had come up from the Negev, a group of Galilee Druse and a couple of bearded beachcombers from Eilat.

Yoffe was a man who radiated warmth, and his bearing and personality drew people to him from every walk of life. His military career, including the now-legendary dash of an armoured division across the desert to capture Sharm el-Sheikh in the Sinai Campaign, has become textbook material in military academies the world over.

But it was his work for the Nature Reserves Authority — he was the organization's first director and, for the last four years, chairman of its governing body — that endeared him to many.

When Yoffe took over the embryonic organization, he inherited from the Ministry of Agriculture one filing cabinet containing the files of Israel's licensed hunters, one battered jeep and a clerk. He left it as an organization hearing one of the most positive images in the country and with a cadre of trained wardens and scientific personnel. Moreover, Israel is now a world leader in terms of percentage of land area held in reserve.

YOFFE WAS an avid hunter in his youth, and this caused much suspicion when he was appointed to head the Reserves Authority. "They say I'm a cat put out to watch the

cream," he chuckled. "Well, let them just watch this cat!"

Devoted to the founding of nature reserves, once Yoffe got his hands on a piece of land he protected it vigorously. One three-hour meeting with a cabinet minister who wanted a part of one of the reserves for development ended with the minister wiping his brow and commenting: "Thank God we founded the state before we set up the reserves. Yoffe wouldn't have given up a piece of land to put the state on!"

But the burly, former general was convinced that it was his duty to get as much land as possible for posterity. He knew that time and circumstances would inevitably erode these reserves. "When there are mice in the pantry," he would say, "then only a big cake can stand up to the nibbling."

Much of this view was reflected in his political opinions, which brought him full circle from the socialist Hashomer Hatzair of his youth to the Land of Israel movement, on whose behalf he served as a Knesset member in the Likud. "When you talk about giving up something for peace, you have to

first have something to give," he maintained. "It's easier to be generous when you've got plenty."

Yoffe never allowed any discrimination in the authority. Kippa-wearing Jewish wardens rubbed shoulders with those who were secular in the extreme, and with Beduin, Druse and Christian wardens. Nor did he endorse any discrimination against women.

When he appointed the first woman to a senior position in the organization, two or three of his wardens came to him in protest. Yoffe looked at them and said, "Look here, I've got enough muscle

and macho in this outfit to build an army. I appointed her for her brains. We're short on that around here — and the fact that you're standing there just proves it. Now get out of here!"

At his funeral, several young women proudly wore the uniform of the Israel Nature Reserves Authority.

ALTHOUGH YOFFE initiated the Green Patrol, he never saw it as a tool for the harassment of the Beduin, which some claim it became. What Yoffe envisioned was a group of men and women with police authority who would enforce the

multitude of environmental laws that are honoured more in the breach than in the observance.

Long before an Environmental Protection Service came into being, the Nature Reserves Authority was deeply involved in preventing pollution and protecting sites of natural beauty. One report by the State Comptroller's Office, issued in the early 1970s, said that the authority had indeed exceeded its mandate in several specific areas, but that it was to be praised for so doing, since these were areas where no one seemed to be taking any action.

Yoffe loved life. Although he

never smoked or touched alcohol, he had a passion for food. "Diet? Sure, I love it. That is, if there's plenty of it." He took his barrel-chested frame for granted, often joking about it. When he was considering leaving the IDF he told a friend, "It's a hard decision. Every army deserves at least one general who looks like a general."

Yoffe especially liked children and had a knack of knowing just what gift would delight each particular child of his acquaintance. A book, a warden's hat, a packet of stamps. The father of three grown children of his own, he often joked that his sex life was great. "Just look, a new grandchild every year!"

ONE OF HIS outstanding characteristics was that he always seemed at home. Whether in the Knesset or sitting with Beduin tribesmen and speaking to them in fluent Arabic, he was a natural part of his own environment. He was close to the land, and his childhood in the farming community of Yavniel had left its imprint on him. He often claimed to dislike dogs, but no dog ever acted as if he did.

Yoffe's co-workers enjoyed the richness of his language and his easy use of puns. He also had a unique way of expressing his sentiments. Once he came into his office and said, "I was at the Ministry of Interior, and I just heard an obscenity!"

"Obscenity?" "Yes, they're talking about something called Nashkelon... a continuous strip of urban development from Nahariya to Ashkelon." But in a few minutes he had made up his mind. "Get out there on that coast," he told the wardens, "and see what part of it we can get for a reserve. Otherwise we may see the day when no one knows there were ever any coastlines in Israel."

Avraham Yoffe will be missed. He was an optimistic man who infected others with his drive, warmth and confidence. When he held the Southern Command, he had a handwritten sign on his desk: "Did you come in here to help solve a problem or to be part of one?"

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By MARSHA POMERANTZ / Jerusalem Post Reporter

the chairman of the Jewish Agency. Is there still a problem with buying rights? "I imagine there is," says Zackler, "but we don't recognize it."

THERE ARE over 50 adult amateur groups in the country, eight of them performing in English, according to Zackler, who says the ZOA circle is the only one that's independent. "We're connected with the ZOA in name and facility, but our budget and choice of scripts are our own." They get free rehearsal space, and limited use of the auditorium, but beyond that they pay rent for use of the hall. They have animated play-readings once a month, and one full production each year.

In recent years, their auditions have become public, they've turned themselves legally into a non-profit organization and they've invested whatever earnings they have in a lighting system and other stage equipment.

A few members of the group have

professional training, and exert what influence they can to improve the level of performance, though the group as a whole doesn't seem to be in danger of going professional. Raffy Eitan studied at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts in London. He stopped acting professionally partly because he had five children to feed; he's brought one of them, Guy, into the Drama Circle, and they did father-and-son roles in *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*. This year Raffy plays the loony Lord Elwood in a British army officer's uniform, and Guy, who is all of 22½, is too busy running an import and marketing company to take part in the *Gallop*.

The artistic director of the group is Dawn Nadel, who studied at the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Arts and performs frequently in a trio that presents Shalom Aleichem stories in English. She's described as "the life and breath" of the ZOA group, and says she enjoys coaching actors. She's also giving a directors' workshop for

26 people, which is a considerable step forward in amateur theatre. SOME MEMBERS of the group perform in Educational TV's English-language dramas. Clara Caren Rimón also plays "the old lady on the bench" in the TV grapefruit advertisement. She was in Menahem Golan's *Entebbe*, and got to sit next to Ingrid Bergman in the film *A Woman Named Golda*. She's been in the drama circle for 23 years, and her husband Nahum says he was "dragged in slowly" from one-line

to leading roles. Nick Wnekowsky is the surprise talent find in this year's production; Zvi Zemel is the resident meteorologist; and Sandor Droleich is the director who would rather be on stage.

The social ties that members develop are particularly important when they're new in the country, but they last long after the "Anglo-Saxons" have integrated. Their theatre work requires time, imagination, and a generous sense of humour about themselves. Esta Shoffman, a long-standing member, mentions Madeleine Mordecai, the costume lady: "She can take any *shmatte* and turn it into a regal gown." Says Esta's husband Max: "In fact, we can take any *shmatte* and make it into an actor." A very entertaining rag trade.



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"WHY COULDN'T you have written a book that was kinder to the Jews?" asked readers of Sonia Pilcer's first novel, *Teen Angel*. It is just such parochialism that the thirty-year-old New York writer has tried all her life to escape, while mining her background for the raw material of her fiction.

Born in Augsburg, Germany to parents who were Holocaust survivors, she arrived in New York when she was six. Her parents joined several Holocaust survivor organizations and almost all their friends had similar backgrounds.

"I grew up thinking that all Jews speak with funny accents, and because my mother often mentioned the Holocaust in everyday tones, I almost couldn't imagine anyone not having a background like that."

As an adolescent, however, Pilcer tried to dissociate herself from the Holocaust and even from being Jewish. The Jewish heroine of *Teen Angel* has a Puerto Rican boyfriend and hates to be seen on the street with her yarmulka-wearing younger brother. Hannah Wolf, the heroine of Pilcer's second novel, *Maiden Rites*, dreams of a blond-haired, blue-eyed Prince Charming nicknamed Biff. Skip or Kit.

Growing up in upper Manhattan, the tough neighborhood that is the setting of *Teen Angel*, Pilcer also felt alienated from her immediate environment. From her parents — both avid readers — she learned the magic escape route from an unpleasant present. "I remember my mother feeding me, with salt and pepper shakers propping open the novel she was reading."

"I was a voracious reader — Dostoevsky, Pasternak, Ayn Rand — and what I read had more reality than my surroundings. I developed a sense that a writer needs, of being a citizen of the world, of being nationless, stateless."

And yet, her first literary efforts

were poems on the Holocaust. The first of these, "Child of the Holocaust," provided a tag which the media later tried to pin on her. As she was founding her first attempt at fiction, the image that sparked her imagination was "my school friends and myself, with our hair furiously teased and too much makeup, sitting on a parked car. It was so funny, so rich with what my adolescence had been."

A WRITING teacher had told Pilcer that focusing on the particular was the key to universal appeal. *Teen Angel* comes alive because of the vivid detail: graffiti in the stalls of the school toilets, initiation rites and power struggles in the girls' gang whose name gives the book its title, the sights — revolting and terrifying — on the heroine's way to school.

In *Teen Angel*, the heroine, Sonny Palovsky, experiences all the confusing and painful rites of passage of Western adolescents: the intense need for peer acceptance; a halting, trial-and-error education in sexual matters; running the gamut of "firsts": first period, first breast growth (or non-growth in Sonny's case), first boyfriend, first French kiss. She must cope with all this without help from her parents, whom she sees as completely out of tune with her world, and with only sporadic help from her friends.

The scenes are so graphic that one believes the book must be straight autobiography. Pilcer coyly admits, "I tease the idea of autobiography. Sonny Palovsky is me — she even has my initials — but all the characters are me."

As she wrote *Teen Angel*, Pilcer found that her style was "comic, wry, dirty-mouthed." Today reviewers speak of her as "the foremost Jewish female humorist." It is a far cry from her earlier media label as "Child of the Holocaust," but she rejects it, as she rejects all labels.

## REBEL AT WORK

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The people who first learned to cultivate the amazing corn crop were the forebears of the present inhabitants of the Andes. Centuries before the white man knew of its existence, the plant supplied food in such abundance that it contributed hugely to the building of the first of several ancient American civilizations. Thus the corn-supported empire of the Incas developed a culture and a standard of living rivaling those of ancient Egypt, Babylon and Greece.

How did the Andean Indians

"I could have gotten in with the Jewish literary mafia, or with the feminist mafia. It provides cushioning for a young writer. But I have always been a rebel, and didn't want to make it by casting my lot with an establishment I don't fully identify with."

"I see myself as a writer who is also a Jew and a woman, and all my experiences are part of me. I used to think that to be taken seriously you have to be a certain type — bookish. But you don't. You can be yourself."

THIS INSIGHT was not easily won. When she decided to break away from her hack writing jobs for fashion and movie fan magazines, and tried to write fiction, she was so burdened by the notion that she had to produce something weighty that she could not write at all.

In desperation she took a friend's advice, to write anything. "I came up with an 'anything' story — *drunk* — but I filled 120 pages, and this got me over the block of filling pages. I threw it out, and right after that the idea of Sonny and the story of *Teen Angel* came to me."

When *Teen Angel* was still in galley, Universal Studios in Hollywood took an option on the story and hired a male writer to produce a script. The travesty he produced sent Universal back to Pilcer, who convinced them she should do the screen play.

Universal told her to write it as raunchy and broad as possible, which she did, but then they complained that the script was "too strong." Pilcer left Hollywood after the three months it took her to produce the script, and only later heard that it had been put in "turnaround" (Hollywoodese for "deep freeze"), where it remained until this spring, when her agent informed her that the option is finally being used. There is talk of casting Brooke Shields as Sonny; Pilcer is convinced that this approach is "all wrong."

Being in Hollywood was a heady experience for the New York writer, but most important was the huge sum she received for the script. This made it possible for her to give up hack writing and put all her energy into novels, which, she claims, pay slave wages.

MAIDEN RITES, her second novel, is a continuation of sorts of *Teen Angel*. It, too, is a bildungsroman, a story of growing up, set in the pre-sexual-revolution early '60s.

Hannah Wolf, her head filled with an English major's notions of the good life, sets out in search of an "exotic" WASP and romance. What she gets is a neurotic Jew — whose idea of honesty, between lovers is showing her the psoriasis on his balding pate — and a convoluted, painful relationship.

But at least it is a relationship, and it gives Hannah an opportunity to part with her burdensome virginity. As the affair develops, she reflects: "I smacked my lips, feeling like my life was finally turning into a foreign movie."

Pilcer is now in Jerusalem working on her third novel, in which she finally confronts her heritage as "child of the Holocaust" directly. The Holocaust had haunted her earlier novels, which she sees as preparations for the present work.

Sonny's parents were Holocaust survivors, and though this fact is touched on only lightly, Pilcer contends that it informs the relationship between Sonny and her parents, and helps to make Sonny the person she is. "But I wanted to hide it," Pilcer admits, perhaps because of the same ambivalence she felt when writing her poems on the Holocaust: "I felt ghoulish, as if I were exploiting the experiences of others."

In *Maiden Rites*, Hannah's boyfriend Moshe is the "child of the Holocaust," and there is some suggestion that his craziness stems from this special background.

But now the Holocaust is the theme of the book, which deals with the transmission of the Holocaust experience from one generation to the next. Pilcer recalls many Holocaust survivor gatherings at which participants were exhorted to remember. The book opens, appropriately, with the Polish words for "I remember."

The first section, already completed and entitled "Blessed," is seen through the eyes of the mother, in a D.P. camp in Germany after the war. There are many flashbacks to life before and during the war. The second section, now in progress, is seen from the point of view of the daughter.

"I am trying to work out personal things about the Holocaust, but in an artistic way that will communicate the experience to people who don't have a Holocaust background. I am not interested in writing only about the events of the war period, but in trying to imagine what life was like before the Holocaust, and what was lost. My mother came from a city, and went to the opera. Not all the Jews came from shetlts."

After a year of abortive attempts at writing the novel in New York, Pilcer decided to come to Jerusalem, where she has not only overcome her writer's block, but even completed the first section of the book two months ahead of schedule. She has a partial explanation for her current literary fecundity. "Here being a Jew is an issue every moment of your life. I am constantly getting input and inspiration for the book."

Pilcer has been chosen to speak at one of the symposia of the International Book Fair, which opens in Jerusalem tomorrow. She will also be reading from her new book, as well as from *Teen Angel* and *Maiden Rites*, at the American Cultural Centre in Jerusalem on May 10 at 8 p.m.

MANY NEW immigrants, as well as young Israeli couples, have managed to buy a house or flat with a small space earmarked for a garden. In the rural vicinity of Jerusalem alone, thousands of dwellings such as these have appeared during the last two years, and more are being added every few months. While the planning authorities and municipalities deal with the design, construction and upkeep of playgrounds, parks and other public green spots, home gardens are the responsibility of their owners.

It is worth noting that many people have their gardens designed and planted by professionals, and yet still do not end up with the results they hoped for. This may be due to a lack of proper maintenance.

Garden maintenance, it should be remembered, is not a once-or-twice-a-year chore, but an ongoing process. Those lucky people who are blessed with "green fingers" can sense when a plant needs water, when it should be pruned and when weeding must be done; those who are less intuitive must lay down their own guidelines — and stick to them.

Make it a family affair. The ideal way to reduce the burden of maintenance in a home garden is to involve the whole family, children included. In an American gardening magazine I recently found the following reader's letter: "My mom gave me a spot in the garden, and I bought seeds and planted them, watered, weeded and cared for them. Last year I grew a little bit of sweet corn, tomatoes, carrots, melons and radishes. I am 10 years old and try to do my best."

My long personal experience with schoolchildren has taught me how

much help they can be to an amateur gardener. If you treat them like adults, they will need no further inducement to come and participate.

A last word about spent bulbs. Some bulbs can remain in the soil year after year, increasing their numbers and flowering again and again. This system has been tested by Jerusalem municipality gardeners, who left thousands of daffodils and narcissi in the soil. Not only did they come out and flower early and very well, they also increased everywhere throughout the city.

Snowdrops, muscari (blue grape hyacinths), crocuses, *Lilium candidum*, *Arthraxis*, *Scilla* and *Chionodoxa* can be also kept permanently in the soil; like wild cyclamen, they will start a new life with the first drop of the October rain.

Other bulbs — in addition to tulips and hyacinths — which should be lifted in late May are Dutch irises, sparaxis, *ixias* and *ranunculi*. They should be cleaned of earth, stored in a cool, dry place and dusted with sulphur powder against fungi. Bulbets should be removed from the mother bulbs and stored in the same way for future propagation.

Some people who receive potted hyacinths or other bulbs plant them in the garden after their flowering has come to an end, in the hope that they will bloom again in future years. I do not advise this, because the results obtained are mostly disappointing. All these bulbs, like hyacinths on glasses and paper-white narcissi grown on pebbles, or those tulips sold by florists with their bulbs, are grown by forcing, an artificial process. This exploits all the bulb's energy. Bulbs, once forced, are worthless for any other purpose and should be thrown away when their flowering is over.

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Prizes will be given to encourage and support public and humanitarian acts and activities that contribute to the improvement of the quality of life in Israel. It is not intended to award prizes for past achievements or life's work. In accordance with articles of association, the object of the foundation is to support projects in process of implementation, in fields to be set from year to year by the Board of Governors.

### The Board of Governors:

- Menahem Savidor — Speaker of the Knesset and Chairman of the Fund
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### In 1983, prizes will be awarded in the following ten fields:

- Increasing immigration, reducing emigration, easing absorption
- Integration of the communities, and reducing the gaps between the different levels of the population
- Assisting the needy
- Education for, and/or encouragement of, tolerance, mutual respect and understanding, and good neighbourliness
- Improving the quality of life (including cleaning up the environment and beautifying the face of the country)
- Struggle against road accidents
- Means and methods of saving energy
- Enriching cultural life by contributions from the worlds of science, art and thought
- Cooperation with the cultural institutions of France
- Furthering good relations between Jews and Arabs in Israel

The prize in shegels, awarded to each of the above fields will be equal to the amount of \$10,000 — at rate of exchange at same date.

Every Israeli citizen, Israeli corporation or other Israeli organization may submit their candidacy or recommend their candidate for a prize, whereas according to article of association individuals will have priority.

Applications in writing, including two letters of recommendation, should be sent to the secretary of the Foundation, Knesset Building, Jerusalem within 45 days of publication of this announcement.

Professional committees, appointed by the Board of Governors, will consider applications in their respective field, and will submit their recommendations to the Board of Governors for final decision.

The first ceremony of presentation of prizes to recipients will take place in the Knesset Building at the beginning of the Winter Session.

Menahem Savidor  
Knesset Speaker  
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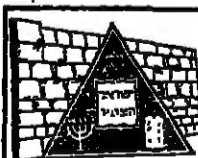
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Law No. 29 of 1968, the Supreme  
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Nabulus from the east.  
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## All-Israeli food show

By CAROL COOK  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

WHAT'S THE point of putting on a special food exhibition when people can go to the supermarket any day of the week? Will the public be interested in making a trip to the Tel Aviv Fairgrounds and tramping through thousands of square metres of booths in order to look at frozen chickens and dehydrated vegetables?

The planners of Israel Food Exhibition 1983 which opens today the Ministry of Industry and Trade, the Manufacturers Association, and Bank Leumi are confident that they will.

Food shows — where consumers can see, smell and taste the latest edibles on the market — are common enough abroad, but have been somewhat late in coming to Israel. Up until now, Israel's food industry has shown its wares at exhibitions aimed at exporters and wholesalers only.

This will be the first food exhibit ever planned here for the individual consumer. There will be lectures on cuisine and food presentation, manufacturers will present the latest innovations in their product lines, and there will be ample opportunity to taste, compare and purchase the various products.

A total of 150 firms will be showing their wares, which will range from fresh meat, fish, poultry and dairy goods to the latest in frozen and preserved foods, special diet products and pet foods.

Every day of the exhibition, chefs from several of Tel Aviv's leading hotels will be on hand to conduct

cooking classes for the visitors. A cooking contest is also planned. Other events on the programme include:

Symposiums on wine and Chinese foods, to be led by food writer Rana Mokadi and Haim Shapiro, restaurant critic of *The Jerusalem Post* (tomorrow, 5-8 p.m.).

ANOTHER unique feature of the food show is the fact that all the products on display are locally manufactured. Organizers believe this is the psychological moment for an all-Israeli exhibit, given the current uproar in the business community over the government's trade policy, and the steep slide in exports over the last few months. Local manufacturers — grouped together in the recently formed Joint Action Committee comprising the Manufacturers Association, Hevrat Ovdim and the Kibbutz Industries — have decided to boycott government-sponsored trade efforts abroad. They aim to force the Treasury to stop its artificial support of the shekel, which is making Israeli products uncompetitive on the world market.

At the same time, they try to encourage consumers to purchase local products rather than the imported ones that have become so cheap because of the overvalued shekel.

If the food exhibition becomes an annual event it could emerge as the testing ground for the new products companies introduce every year. Visitors to the fair will be able to purchase products on display at reduced prices.

## Another trade group pulls out of sales mission to the U.S.

By MACABEE DEAN  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Israel-U.S. Chamber of Commerce yesterday cancelled its participation in the trade delegation which was scheduled to leave for the U.S. at the end of this month. The delegation is designed to promote the sale of Israeli products in the U.S. and to interest American industrialists in setting up plants here.

Several days ago the Manufacturers Association, whose members were to be the largest group in this trade delegation, withdrew from it in protest over the government's refusal to devalue the shekel in line with its true value. The association stated that the various steps taken by the authorities, such as increasing exchange rate insurance, were far too little to cover their losses and to stem the sharply falling rate of industrial exports. These exports were down 24 per cent in March.

Dr. Asher Halperin, president of the Chamber of Commerce, noted in his announcement cancelling the chamber's participation, that the trade delegation had originally been scheduled to leave last October. However, it was put off at the request of Industry Minister Gideon Patt, who said that if the delegation waited till spring, he himself would lead it.

The chamber also made its participation conditional on at least ten leading industrialists joining the group. Thirteen actually signed up, Halperin noted, however, that not only had these 13 decided not to go, but that three of the six government officials who had signed up had also backed out. "Following talks with the industrialists,"

Thus, Halperin concluded, there was little reason for the chamber to join a delegation which was so reduced in numbers and which would have little influence abroad.

## Ben-Yakar supports policy of government on devaluation

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The chairman of the Federation of Israeli Chambers of Commerce, Avner Ben-Yakar, yesterday came out flatly in support of the government's policy of slowing down the devaluation of the shekel as a means of stemming inflation.

Ben-Yakar admitted that the present system hurts exports and was damaging to the balance of payments, but he thought that "stepping up the pace of devaluation without first arranging a package deal between the employers, the government and the workers designed to neutralize the effects of

speeded-up devaluation, would lead to much worse results."

He called for such a package deal, but meanwhile thought the government should find some way to compensate the exporters.

Ben-Yakar said that although the present policy was exacting a harsh price from the exporters, "it is the price we have to pay for taming inflation." Moreover, he thought that the government's policy was gradually succeeding. He thus saw no reason to reverse policy now and have a massive devaluation, which, he stressed, could only lead to inflation soaring much faster than at present.

## Patt declares cash boost for exports

Post Economic Reporter

The government has made available an extra \$170 million dollars to encourage exporters. Industry and Trade Minister Gideon Patt told the Knesset Finance Committee, last week.

He said that industrialists are demanding an additional \$30m., but that this relatively small sum does not justify the action they are taking in boycotting trade fairs.

During the discussion on the export crisis, Patt said that he sees no

need to accelerate the devaluation of the shekel. This, he asserted, would increase inflation to 150 per cent.

He strongly attacked exporters who are not taking advantage of the increased budget for encouraging exports and investigating new markets.

He also accused some local importers of approaching foreign legislators and asking them to threaten Israel with sanctions because of the extra support the government is giving to exporters.

## Prime Minister's salary goes up to IS121,000

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

Prime Minister Menachem Begin's monthly gross salary starting April 1 will be IS121,000, following the decision of the Knesset Finance Committee subcommittee to raise salaries of cabinet ministers, judges, and Knesset Members by 67 per cent. This increase is proportionate

to the rise in the national average monthly pay.

The highest gross salary will be that of the president of the Supreme Court — IS168,000. The Knesset speaker's will be equal to that of the prime minister's. Deputy ministers, directors-general of ministries and Knesset Members will get IS102,000.

PRICE RISE. — Egypt decreed a small rise in its oil prices yesterday, bringing the price of the key Suez blend up by 50 cents, to \$27.50, the Egyptian General Petroleum Corp. announced.

SLOWED FLOW. — Oil output in Rumania, which is struggling to meet huge western debts, was well below target for the first three months of this year, according to official figures.

## Your money and your questions

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN  
Post Finance Reporter

QUESTION: I have been converting dollars and buying bank shares. If the devaluation of the shekel is speeded up, am I still likely to make money if I continue to convert?

ANSWER: The governor of the Bank of Israel has suggested that the devaluation of the shekel against the dollar be kept at the same level as the rise in the cost-of-living index. Should this be the case, there is every reason to assume that investing in bank shares from dollars will work out well. Statistics over more than a decade show that almost without exception the shares of the major banks have given yields in excess of the rise in the cost-of-living index. Consequently, if the shares continue to outpace inflation, this will also be true for devaluation and for maintaining the value of these investments.

QUESTION: Prices on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange appear to move in waves in waves. Can you explain this?

ANSWER: Movements of shares, whether on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange or on the New York Stock Exchange, are generally dictated by the action of shares whose value is a fraction of the total value registered on the exchange. In Israel news travels very quickly and professional investors and speculators seem to have an uncanny ability to know what the other fellow is doing. Perhaps this, more than anything else, explains why they appear to act in unison, and all seem to be buying or selling at the same time.

QUESTION: I have watched a particular share move up, while the rest of the market is falling. What makes such a share so good?

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ANSWER: There are strict rules designed to prevent the manipulation of stock prices. However, as Dr. Meir Heth, the board chairman of the exchange pointed out several months ago, the difficulty is to enforce these regulations and to detect what is really going on. Obviously, when a share keeps on going up day in and day out while the rest of the market is falling, there is a strong suspicion of some "banky panky" going on.

QUESTION: Interest rates for Pataf and non-resident deposits are now very low. When resuming my deposits, what period should I opt for?

ANSWER: If we assume that the Eurodollar rates at current levels are near their lows for the year, there is a strong case for making deposits for the shortest possible period. This is done in the expectation that at renewal time interest rates will be higher and the average interest rate will therefore rise.

QUESTION: I had myself worried and losing sleep when the stock market falls. What should I do?

ANSWER: First of all, try this. Sell all your shares, and if you then sleep comfortably, you know that you should stay out of the market. If you still cannot sleep, the share market is not the cause of your insomnia. In any case, a person should not speculate unless he is prepared to take the risks.

QUESTION: How do you feel about the pound sterling now?

ANSWER: After reaching a low of 1.45 U.S. dollars to the pound, sterling rebounded to about \$1.55. According to a report by a major Swiss bank, expectations are that

sterling may go up to the \$1.60 area for the medium term.

QUESTION: What are the prospects for the German mark?

ANSWER: At the present level of DM 2.45 to the dollar, the mark appears to be undervalued. Foreign currency dealers anticipate a strengthening of the mark against the American currency over the medium term.

QUESTION: At the beginning of April everybody was optimistic about the chances for good gains on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange. What happened?

ANSWER: It is a known phenomenon that when everybody is convinced that a specific development will take place on the exchange, chances are that it will not work out that way. Whenever the majority of investors and analysts thought that the market will continue to fall, a turning point was usually not far away.

QUESTION: What does a 100 per cent bonus share dividend mean?

ANSWER: If you own 1,000 shares of a given stock and you receive 100 per cent bonus shares, you will have twice your original amount of shares. Many consider bonus share payments highly desirable, but it should be remembered that when receiving 100 per cent bonus shares, the price of the share is adjusted to half its former value, to reflect the total number of shares now in existence.

QUESTION: Do I gain any advantage by increasing the amount of money I put into my bank-managed pension fund?

ANSWER: Payments made into pension funds are up to a certain limit tax-deductible. I suggest you ask your accountant how much you should pay in. In any case, payments made by March 31 are tax deductible for the year which closes at the end of this month.

Questions from readers on problems in investment and money management are invited.

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## Publisher for foreign-language books

By MACABEE DEAN  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The country's first semi-subsidized publishing company to specialize in foreign languages — English, French, German and Spanish (in addition to Hebrew) — is looking for foreign authors who write in one of these four languages.

This is stated by Murray Greenfield, who with his partner Joe Fridman two years ago set up Gefen Publishing at Beit-El, near Jerusalem. Sales during 1982 were some \$50,000, of which \$10,000 were exports; this year's target is \$100,000, with half this sum being exports. "We printed 10 books in 1982 and we expect to print at least that number this year," he says.

The company is an approved enterprise, with about two-thirds of the \$100,000 initial investment coming from the authorities in the form of loans and grants. It now employs nine persons and uses the latest

computerized type-setting equipment.

"We are especially interested in foreign writers who would normally go to a subsidy publisher in their home country. Our prices are highly competitive and we offer one big advantage. We go all out in trying to sell our books." So far, all the writers have been Israelis.

## Saudi air traffic up

JEDDAH (Reuters). — International and domestic passenger traffic and air cargo through Saudi Arabia's three international airports all rose sharply last year, according to official figures released yesterday.

Total passenger traffic through Riyadh, Jeddah and Dhahran airports rose 11.5 per cent, to 18.1 million passengers, compared with 1981, including international traffic of 7.58 million passengers, up 11.7 per cent.

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CRYPTIC PUZZLE ACROSS

3 Spire rebuilt by the sea (5)

8 A girl to cheat at some risk (5)

10 Figure in a boat (5)

11 Silent parent (3)

12 Girls who twitter? (5)

13 Small extracts that contain plenty (7)

15 Transport by car and railway (5)

18 Took the initiative in double dealing (3)

19 She takes an order during the sale (6)

21 Ruins a meal that's right to consume (5, 2)

22 She sits soil (4)

23 Give up out of deference, dear (4)

24 Run wild as campers (7)

26 Hit by trucks, possibly (6)

29 He's the finish of many a foreigner (3)

31 Historically important man from Neath (5)

32 Vessel often of brass, but nominally of wood (3-4)

34 Harden in water (5)

35 Dash for the ladder (3)

36 Where the crackling of the fire sounds great (5)

37 Mad as certain fliers (5)

38 The writing of adages, sayings, etc (5)

DOWN

1 The lady mother won round (5)

2 Blamishes an MP shows in large quantities (7)

4 Bird showing some possibility of rising (4)

5 Revolutionary beat for a military policeman! (6)

6 Sort of hemp most lassies can weave (5)

7 March appeal? (5)

9 It can get you groggy (3)

12 It's solidly basic (7)

14 Field of cattle and sheep (3)

16 One wandering right across (5)

17 Half a year with chaps in the country (5)

19 Infer that misers are upset about a certain turn (7)

20 Oh, blow! (5)

21 It's up to a Royal Academician to make something ornamental (5)

23 Like London's heart line (7)

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## While the sick suffer

"NO PROGRESS so far," is how Health Minister Eliezer Shostak yesterday summed up the state of the doctors' strike, now in its ninth week. Mr. Shostak seemed rather less certain than he was two weeks ago that a breakthrough in the strike was only a matter of "days." A compromise, he ruefully observed, was needed between the positions of the Treasury and the doctors. He appeared to be somehow above the fray himself, representing not the government but the pure public interest.

Yet Mr. Shostak was right. A compromise indeed is not only necessary, but will sooner or later be hit upon. And when it is, people will wonder why some such formula could not have been devised much earlier, saving the sick needless suffering, and even death.

The evidence coming in speaks of a steadily mounting calamity. The doctors themselves are bearing witness to the fact that the most vulnerable groups of people — the very young, the very old, and the chronically ill — are in many cases grievously, and even irreparably, affected. People are actually dying for want of urgent care: heart patients, for example, whose "bypass" operations have been put off. This fact must have been at least part of the reason doctors began to stand watch in front of the prime minister's home yesterday.

What the doctors were asking for was Mr. Begin's personal intervention, in bringing the strike to a speedy end. The premier acceded to the request, and this morning a meeting is scheduled to be held between him and representatives of a group of prestigious members of the medical profession.

Yet it cannot be said that the strikers themselves, in fighting for their interests, have uniformly shown the solicitude for the welfare of the people which they rightly expect from the governmental authorities. If heart patients whose operations have been delayed are dying, it may well be because the doctors' own committees have ruled that their cases were not pressing enough. Callousness really could not go further than the observation of one of yesterday's demonstrators, a professor of medicine, in reply to a query on the subject, that "people are dying in Lebanon, too."

Today a special court set up by the IMA is due to try a member of the profession, a Jerusalem psychiatrist, on charges of "strike-breaking." Ze'ev Falk, a professor of law at the Hebrew University, is to argue in the psychiatrist's defence that the IMA regulations on which the charge is based violate the country's law of contract. This is because they are contrary to morality, and threaten the public well-being.

Rather than try a doctor who could not find it in his conscience to deny medical help to the needy (and thankfully there are many of those), the IMA should take more initiatives to assure minimally adequate medical care for the duration of the strike, both in hospitals and in clinics.

## No summer time here

THE TREASURY, as everyone knows, is strapped for cash. That is why the Treasury cannot meet the doctors' wage demands. That, too, is why it could not allow the expenditure of \$100 million in "seed money" raised by Israel Bonds for work on the Mediterranean-Dead Sea Project.

But somehow the Treasury can afford to pass up the saving of some \$200 million which, according to Yitzhak Moda'i, the energy minister, would be effected by introducing summer time — also known as daylight saving time — from May to October. The figure is admittedly a round one, but money of roughly that order of magnitude could, without a doubt, be saved through increased productivity and reduced fuel consumption if the clock were moved up one hour during the summer.

There is, however, not much of a chance that Yoram Aridor, the finance minister, will press for summer time. The reason, it may be assumed, is not that Mr. Aridor mistrusts Mr. Moda'i's calculations, in this particular matter. Nor is it that the people dislike summer time; on the contrary, a great majority of them have indicated, in the opinion polls, that they favour the idea. The reason is rather that the Orthodox minority, as represented by the interior minister, Yosef Burg, is opposed to it. To raise an issue over summer time is, therefore, to rock the coalition boat, and that is something that the finance minister, a true loyalist, will not stand for.

Why the Orthodox community should take the attitude it does to summer time has never been adequately explained. The argument that summer time, which does not seem to inconvenience Orthodox Jews abroad, would not allow time for morning prayers in this country, is simply absurd. Somehow, opposition to summer time has become a symbol of Orthodox power in Israel.

Back in 1980 the way seemed to have opened for restoring summer time, which the country had amply experienced before the Likud came to power. The High Court of Justice then decided that the interior minister, as successor to the British High Commissioner, could only decide for how long, but not whether, summer time would be in force. But the following year the Knesset approved an Agudat Yisrael initiative which left summer time entirely to the discretion of the interior minister.

Since the interior minister is, and will for the foreseeable future remain, Dr. Burg, that means there will be no summer time, regardless of how much money it would save the country, how popular it may be, or what other cabinet ministers, such as Mr. Moda'i or Mr. Aridor, may think of it.

# When kings go forth

By JAMIL HAMAD

IT IS the spring of the year when kings go forth to war... Last spring's Operation Peace for the Galilee, *alias* the Lebanese War, began its short campaign — and Israeli forces are still in Lebanon. So, I ask, should we be preparing for chapter two of last year's war, or are kings, generals and a supporting cast of empires going to reveal some new things under the sun?

Reading the writing on the wall is like trying to decipher hieroglyphics, but certain facts cannot be ignored.

Last year's model peace plan — the Reagan initiative — is still lying about, looking more and more like a model in some international peace exposition that no clients are buying. The Reagan initiative was presented to all the concerned parties in the Middle East. Mr. Begin has made it quite clear that he is not interested in buying it. The Saudis (everyone's Arab uncle) blessed the Reagan initiative with a traditional oily nod — but made no efforts to market it.

The most interested client was His Majesty King Hussein, who was unable to hide his pleasure at being offered a role commensurate with his own self-evaluation as a king of the West Bank and Gaza, i.e., "King of all the Palestinians." He has been endlessly engaging in long, intensive talks with PLO leaders in Amman, and encouraging optimistic expectations of sending a joint Palestinian-Jordanian delegation to the negotiating table — encouraging, in fact, to the point where those concerned were playing at picking the names of the Palestinian delegates.

After the meeting in Algeria in February, the Palestine National Council resolutions were explicit enough in rejecting Reagan's initiative, and at the same time qualifying the green light given to King Hussein with the prior condition of the establishment of a Palestinian state. No one needs to be an expert Arabist to read the PNC resolutions and to conclude they dashed cold water over those who were optimistic enough to start planning the details of a Palestinian-Jordanian federation. King Hussein's parade was rained out.

HERE WE ARE with April 1983 almost over. What will Hussein's next step be? The king can no longer vacillate. He has already crawled too far out on his Palestinian limb. Whether he likes it or not, he has to make one of three choices:

□ Give up all hopes of playing any role on behalf of the Palestinians as

envisaged in Reagan's initiatives. □ Override the PLO and go straight to the negotiating table himself, in full knowledge that UN Resolution 242 accords him this right — which is also rooted in the Camp David Accords.

□ Submit the Jordanian and PLO disagreements to an Arab summit, in an attempt to obtain a decisive Arab red or green light.

What are Hussein's chances or risks in picking one of these options? If he opts for the first choice, he will busy himself, in his own phrasing, "re-organizing the Jordanian house." This would mean, in practical terms, calling for a general election for a parliament which has not met since 1967, because half the kingdom is occupied. In that case, the Jordanian relationship with the West Bank would be weakened, and in such circumstances we should not look for any kind of honeymoon between Amman and the PLO.

Should Hussein decide to act on his second option, he will go into the negotiations articulating the suffering of the West Bank Palestinians, and his national duty to repossess Al-Aksa Mosque and his great-grandfather's tomb. He will address himself to West Bankers and Gazans, asking them for a mandate to negotiate on their behalf. If he follows this course, Jordan will face a real showdown with the PLO and with Syria.

In the third case, should Hussein get a green light from an Arab summit — both he and Arafat would be protected from being deemed betrayers of the Palestinian vision. On the other hand, were the summit to deny Jordan any role which either counteracted or stepped outside that envisaged in the Fez or PNC resolutions, Hussein could blame the Arab powers for the loss of that last chance. This, I predict, is what will happen.

HOW WILL THE U.S. enter either of these last two scenarios? In the past, Hussein has had no fear of a row with the Americans. But I do not believe that they are in much of a position to help him gain support in the West Bank and Gaza. The promises of Carter's administration to the Egyptians to bring the Palestinians to the autonomy talks proved illusory and false. However, we all know that what is needed is not some theoretical kind of posturing but the real deliverance of the Palestinian people and land in the occupied areas. The U.S. claims that this can be achieved through the Reagan initiative. Why cannot those concerned with the Palesti-

nian cause put the American claim to the test?

And how will the Israeli government respond to Hussein's moves on either of his last two options? Simply by exaggerating the grassroots opposition to the king in the West Bank and Gaza.

Israel is absolutely determined to hold onto the West Bank and Gaza. It will continue to fan any flames that burn to its advantage.

Has it not occurred to anyone in the American administration that Mr. Begin's avowal of "Not one inch..." means exactly what he says it does? Israel will blow with whatever wind, lean to whatever "plan," that will, in the end, help it to hold onto the West Bank and Gaza a little longer — until "a little longer" becomes "forever." Why is the American administration so surprised that new settlements are going up? Why was former President Carter fooled by Begin about the actual limits of a settlement "freeze"? Because the present government has no intention of ceasing to build the settlements which will perpetuate the West Bank as "Judea and Samaria."

AT FIRST GLANCE Syria does not appear to be part of this drama, but we must not be misled. Syria is there waiting in the wings, either to make mincemeat of Hussein's options, or to parry Israel's blow-up over the SAM-5 missile issue.

First of all, Syria is making no secret of its opposition to Hussein's role in "liquidating the Palestinian problem," as Damascus puts it. Syria's image suffered quite a bit of tarnishing in the Lebanese War. They must rattle their sabres and apply a little more spit and polish to regain face — even at the cost of preventing an Arab summit and blocking Hussein's chances to re-enter bargaining for peace.

Syria is accusing the Americans of co-ordinating with Israel an attack which would so cripple Syria that both Lebanon and Jordan would be freed from its pressure. I believe that the Israelis are waiting for a "Damascus mistake" which will give them an irrefutable excuse to attack Syria's SAM-5 sites, manned by Soviet crews.

Let me point out that Syria is not about to withdraw from Lebanon. A Syrian presence in the Bekaa meets an obvious national security need. Also, the Soviet Union is fully supporting Syrian opposition to the American plans. Moscow will do all it can to resist any American peace initiative which excludes the Russians as a partner. Nor is the Soviet Union about to let the U.S. be the

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empire dominating the Middle East. And we cannot overlook the end of this Syrian activity: the more Syria commits itself to the business of war, the closer the PLO grows to the Syrian stand.

THE COLLAPSE of the Palestinian-Jordanian talks has driven the American administration into a corner. American attempts to recover at least some hope out of the collapse are only self-delusion. The real American hope lies in a speedy conclusion to the Lebanese-Israeli negotiations. A 1983 agreement between Israel and Lebanon, Reagan and Shultz believe, would bolster America's credibility, which was damaged by its failure to fulfill its promise to the Arabs that Israel would withdraw from Lebanon before the end of 1982. (The failure of the U.S. administration to convince Mr. Begin to freeze the settlements was yet another blow to that credibility.)

Any Lebanese-Israeli agreement, however, depends on a simultaneous Lebanese-Syrian agreement. The American diplomatic activity which is so apparent in Israel and Lebanon will be completely ineffective with the Syrians. Therefore the future of a Lebanese-Israeli agreement will be decided by the posture of the Syrians. Any American illusions that the Saudis might persuade the Syrians to co-operate are merely dreams — because the Syrian stand on the Lebanon issue is based on strategic and not on political considerations.

I do not doubt that the coming few

weeks will bring surprises which will invalidate all the issues presently at stake.

And what of the Saudi role — if one can so dignify Saudi inactivity? The role of Sheikh Al-Arab is only to play the reconciler, to make the peace — and the coffee — in the endless Arab internecine fighting, and to be the generous uncle who pours money into everybody's pockets.

IN POINT OF FACT, the Arab leaders realize what should be done, but they reject any forward movement because the Arab world is ruled by leaders who prefer their regional and personal rivalries. Each one of the Arab leaders most involved realizes exactly what he should do; but they all prefer handing the issues over to an Arab summit conference.

And why an Arab summit? Did Iraq go to an Arab summit conference when it decided to start the Gulf War? Or did Saddam Hussein ask for an Arab summit green light when he agreed to make concessions to, and peace with, Iran?

Arab summit conference policies are motivated more by the desire to avoid giving answers to the Arab masses than to solve any Arab problems.

I can only sound an alarm. The fire is approaching many parties on many sides. Are they all going to wait — through simple inertia — until the flames are so near that they need only reach out to light their cigarettes from them?

The writer is a Palestinian journalist.

## READERS' LETTERS

### THE ORDEAL OF A PALESTINIAN MODERATE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — The tragedies and sufferings caused by the continued conflict with Israel led me, along with other Palestinian friends, to the conclusion that we must strive to bring an end to the war and the acts of violence by starting a peace process with Israel. We believe that we must recognize Israel and struggle to achieve our rights as Palestinians through negotiations. The Sadat initiative and the peace between Egypt and Israel confirmed our convictions.

On the basis of these principles, I became active in the Village Leagues and became the head of the Hebron Village League. Together with other friends, we were planning to establish a political movement, "The Palestinian Democratic Peace Movement" (as reported by The Jerusalem Post on February 2).

Unfortunately, the new head of the Civil Administration in the West Bank, Shlomo Iliya, does not seem to have welcomed this initiative and this new spirit. He started to harass me and my friends and forcefully removed me from my office as head of the Hebron Village League.

From the beginning, Shlomo Iliya did not like the fact that I was active in developing a political dialogue with Israeli public and political figures from the whole political spectrum and explaining the origin and the aims of our movement. Here are some examples of his arbitrary interference:

1. He forbade an initiative (reported in The Jerusalem Post some weeks ago) to call a big rally in favour of negotiations and peace between the Palestinians and Israel two days before the PLO was to meet in Algiers, and he pressured me, as chairman, and other activists in the movement to postpone the rally.

2. He ordered me to cancel an invitation to the Mayor of Kiryat Gat, David Magen M.K., to visit our Village League in Hebron. I indignantly rejected this unreasonable order, and eventually Iliya himself came to the meeting.

3. Two days before the officers of the Civil Administration closed the offices of the Hebron Village League and arrested me for several hours, he upbraided me for having met some leading personalities from the Histadrut.

4. It is indeed fortunate that he did not know about my meeting with Professor Yosef Rom M.K., for he might have considered it an additional crime.

From February 23, Iliya escalated his activities against me by a series of illegal measures. He sent officers to close the offices of our Village League. He threatened me not to appeal to the High Court of Justice or else, I was told, "you will suffer." On that same day (March 2), he prevented me from meeting my lawyer by arresting me, and I was released only after my lawyer called the Ministry of Defence.

Apparently in an attempt to explain this unreasonable behaviour, the Civil Administration started a campaign in the media against me, which was inevitably full of contradictions. At first, they claimed that I was dismissed for "financial irregularities." Then they said that I was not dismissed at all, but that the Civil Administration was withholding its support to our League.

In fact, I was forcefully removed from my office. As for the allegations of "financial irregularities," it is strange that they were raised after Iliya himself had praised the manner in which I managed the activities of our association on more than one occasion, both privately and publicly. More importantly, there was no audit pointing to any irregularities, nor was I ever called to answer to such charges, as is required by law.

Subsequently, there was another "leak" to smear my name, to the effect that I had killed a man in the village of Beit Kahel. This refers to an event which took place some eight months ago and is libellous for the police investigation proved conclusively that not only had I not killed that man, but I had not been in

that place at the time.

One can only wonder what is behind these arbitrary actions on the part of the Civil Administration. However, there seem to be some reasons for the behaviour of Mr. Shlomo Iliya:

1. His inability to deal with independent persons who will not bow to him.

2. His personal wariness of any political action on our part, even when it is lawful and aims to gain support for recognition of Israel, negotiations and rejection of terrorism and peace.

3. His apparent rush to get me out to create a *fait accompli* before the new minister had a chance to study the subject of the West Bank in general and my case in particular.

Under these circumstances, I am compelled to appeal to the High Court of Justice and to the Minister of Defence because, as I have repeatedly said, we are an independent democratic movement and not a division of the Civil Administration. I also consider it my duty to present these facts to the public because it is not a personal matter, but one concerning the very essence of the relations between Jews and Arabs. MUHAMMAD NASER Hebron.

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## POOR PUBLIC RELATIONS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — I read with interest your recent article on how John Le Carré, erstwhile "friend" of Israel, became indoctrinated by the PLO. The morale of the story is borne out by my own personal experience and should serve as a dire warning to Israel's public relations at a time when she needs all the friends she can get.

I founded the SDP Friends of Israel, North-West Region, after the defection of Neville Sandelson, M.P., former Director of SDP Friends of Israel, to the Palestinian cause last August. At that time, during the height of reactions to the war in Lebanon, support for Israel policy in Britain was minimal, even amongst Jews. Nevertheless, I worked tirelessly to present a more balanced image of Israel's position within the SDP and the Jewish community, with some notable success. All this was achieved despite my other overwhelming domestic, educational and literary commitments. (I am also the wife of an Orthodox rabbi, mother of four children, a teacher of Jewish studies, a novelist and a free-lance journalist.)

As I was planning a holiday in

Israel for April, I wrote well in advance to Menachem Begin, requesting an opportunity to meet him in order to consolidate my information and attitudes towards Israeli policies. Despite the fact that my request was backed up by two extremely influential Israeli government supporters in Britain, my request was not granted, nor was it suggested that I meet anyone else within the Israeli government. So I came to Israel purely as a tourist, thereby missing a valuable opportunity to improve my Israeli political expertise.

I am sure that, had I written to Yasser Arafat, he would have been at the airport to meet me. However, my loyalty to Israel and the Jewish people is too strong to resort to such measures, but I can understand other "friends" of Israel who fall into this trap.

I am not writing this letter out of pique or frustrated *schmuck*-seeking, but to serve as a lesson to the Israeli government how skillfully PLO propagandists are exploiting Israeli inefficiency.

DOREEN WACHMANN, Director, SPD Friends of Israel, North-West Region, Jerusalem (Manchester).

## RELIEF SUPPLIES TO COLOMBIA

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — A.P. and U.P.I. have sent false information to their subscribers about the world regarding the catastrophe of Popayan and Cauca. The Colombian Government has published a communique categorically denying these reports, according to which there was speculation in tents and food sent by international organizations and friendly governments.

There was only one case of irregularities in the delivery of tents and it was immediately detected and corrected. As to the distribution of food, the official agency entrusted with this task distributed relief supplies free of charge to people in need and to those with limited resources.

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